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THE HEDGEHOG VS. METAL SONIC VS. SHADOW!

THE GOOD
THE BAD
AND THE
UNKNOWN



FINAL ROUND

AP

HAVING RECEIVED WORD FROM HIS BROTHER THAT HIS HELP REGARDING AN URGENT MATTER WAS REQUIRED, SIR CHARLES MADE HIS APOLOGIES TO KING ACORN--

--AND SOON FOUND HIMSELF STANDING AND WAITING SILENTLY, AS JULES'S SHUTTLE RAPIDLY MADE ITS APPROACH...

YOU SURE YOU NEED ME ON THIS ONE?

MORE THAN EVER, CHARLES!

SORRY THIS CAN'T BE ONE OF YOUR SOCIAL VISITS.

YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?

I THINK THAT SON OF MINE AND HIS FRIENDS HAVE FINALLY GOTTEN THEMSELVES IN A SITUATION WAY OVER THEIR HEADS!

--WE'VE NO TIME TO LOSE!

AND IF JULES COULD SEE HIS SON NOW, HE'D KNOW HOW RIGHT HE IS ON ALL COUNTS...

SECRETS?

WHAT SECRETS?

BETTER BUCKLE UP--

AND WHO WOULD I TELL?

AS YOU CAN
SEE BY
THE SCENE
BEFORE YOU,

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

IS IN A WORLD OF DEEP
DOO-DOO, SO LET'S
START WITH THAT AND
EXPLAIN AS WE GO...

WHILE THERE'S A 93%
POSSIBILITY YOU COULD
BE STATING THE TRUTH
IN YOUR LACK OF
COMPREHENSION WITH
REGARD TO THE
SITUATION YOU NOW
FIND YOURSELF IN--

--THERE'S A 74%
PROBABILITY YOU
UNDERSTAND THE
SITUATION BEFORE YOU
AND ARE PLAYING
FOR TIME.

HEY, IF
YOU THINK
I COULD
PULL ONE
OVER ON
YOU--

--OR YOU,
METAL--

--OR
EVEN YOU,
SHADOW--

THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UNKNOWN PART FOUR: ARMAGEDDON

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--THEN I
GUESS I'LL
HAVE TO
TRY
HARDER
NEXT
TIME--

--CAUSE
WHAT FUN
IS IT IF YOU
ALREADY
KNOW?

SURRENDER TO ME, HEDGEHOG--

--AND I'LL SEE TO IT THAT DOCTOR ROBOT-NIK--

--WILL BE QUITE MERCIFUL TO YOU!

HA! GOOD ONE!

I SEE HE'S PROGRAMMED YOU WITH SOME COMEDY ROUTINES....!

WHY GO THROUGH ALL THIS EFFORT?

YOU'LL BE EXHAUSTED BY THE TIME YOU GET TO THE TOP, IF YOU AREN'T ALREADY--

--UNABLE TO PUT UP MUCH OF A FIGHT--

--WITH THE END RESULT THE SAME!

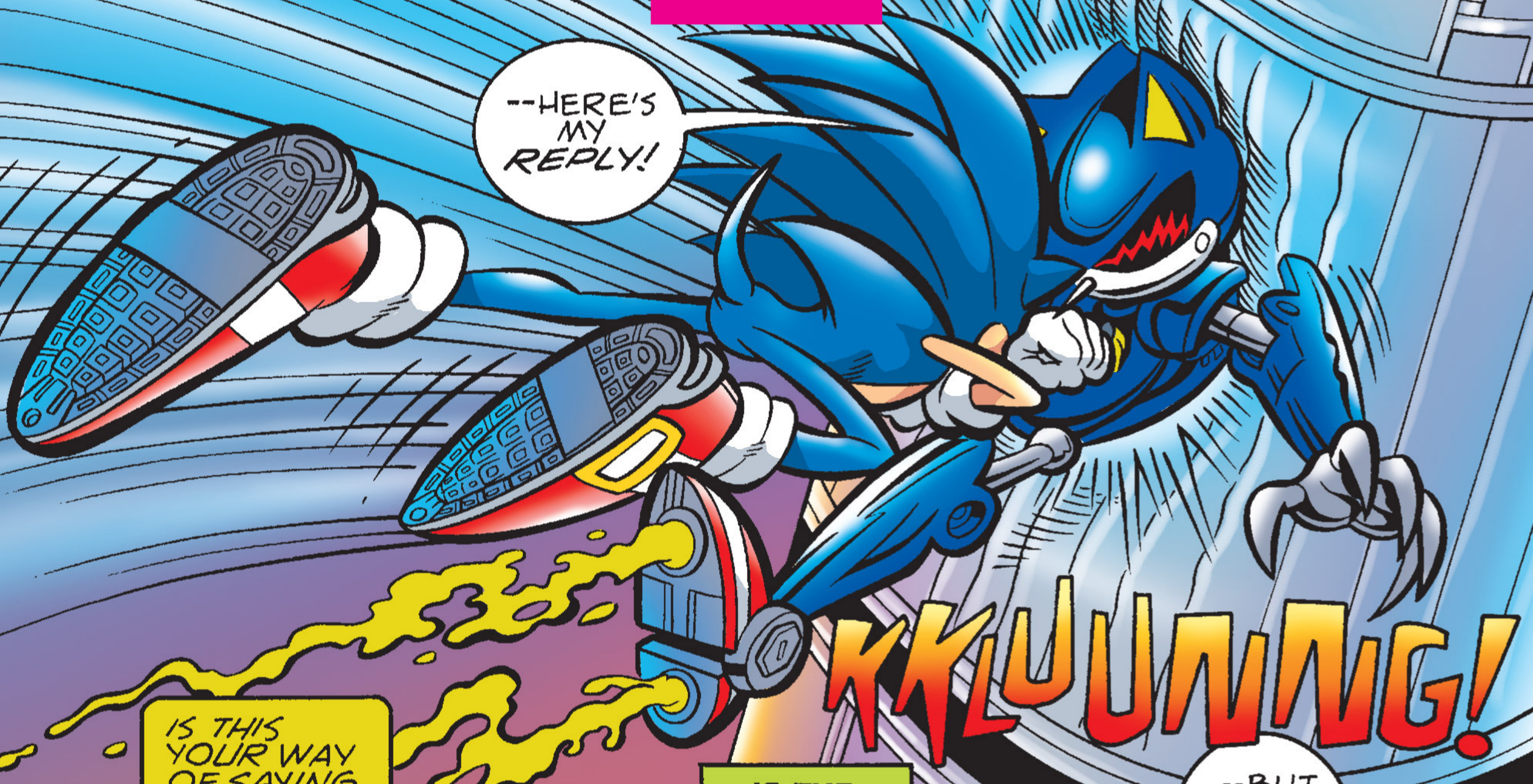
HE'S EXCEEDED THE LIMITATIONS A SENTIENT LIFE FORM WOULD NORMALLY BE CAPABLE OF.

HE CERTAINLY IS DIFFER-ENT--

--FROM OTHERS I'VE ENCOUNTERED--

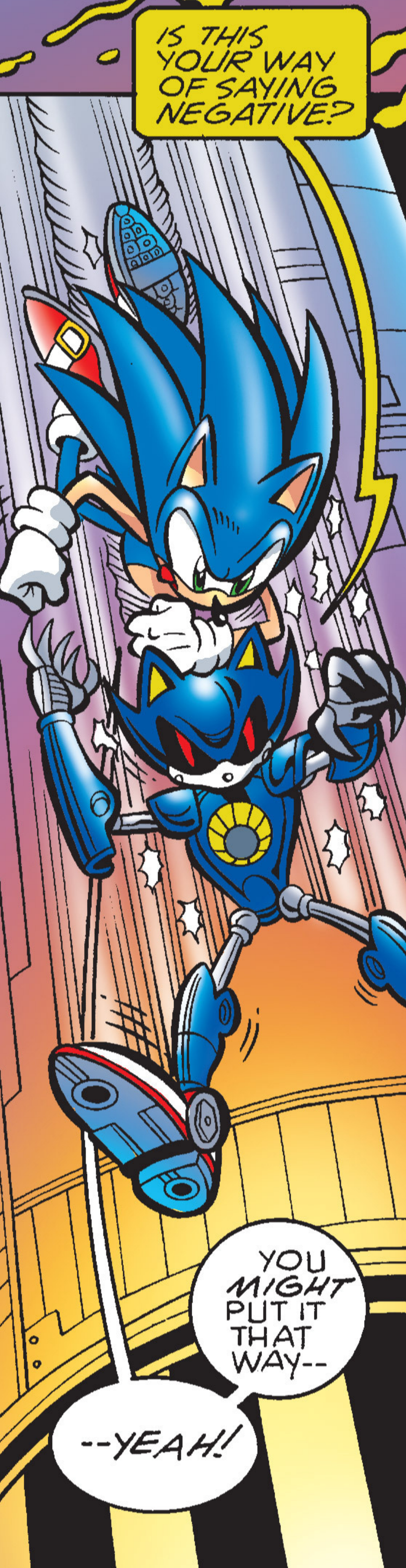
"--TAKING RISKS THAT FEW OTHERS WOULD EVER CONTEMPLATE!"

ABOUT THAT SUGGESTION OF YOURS--

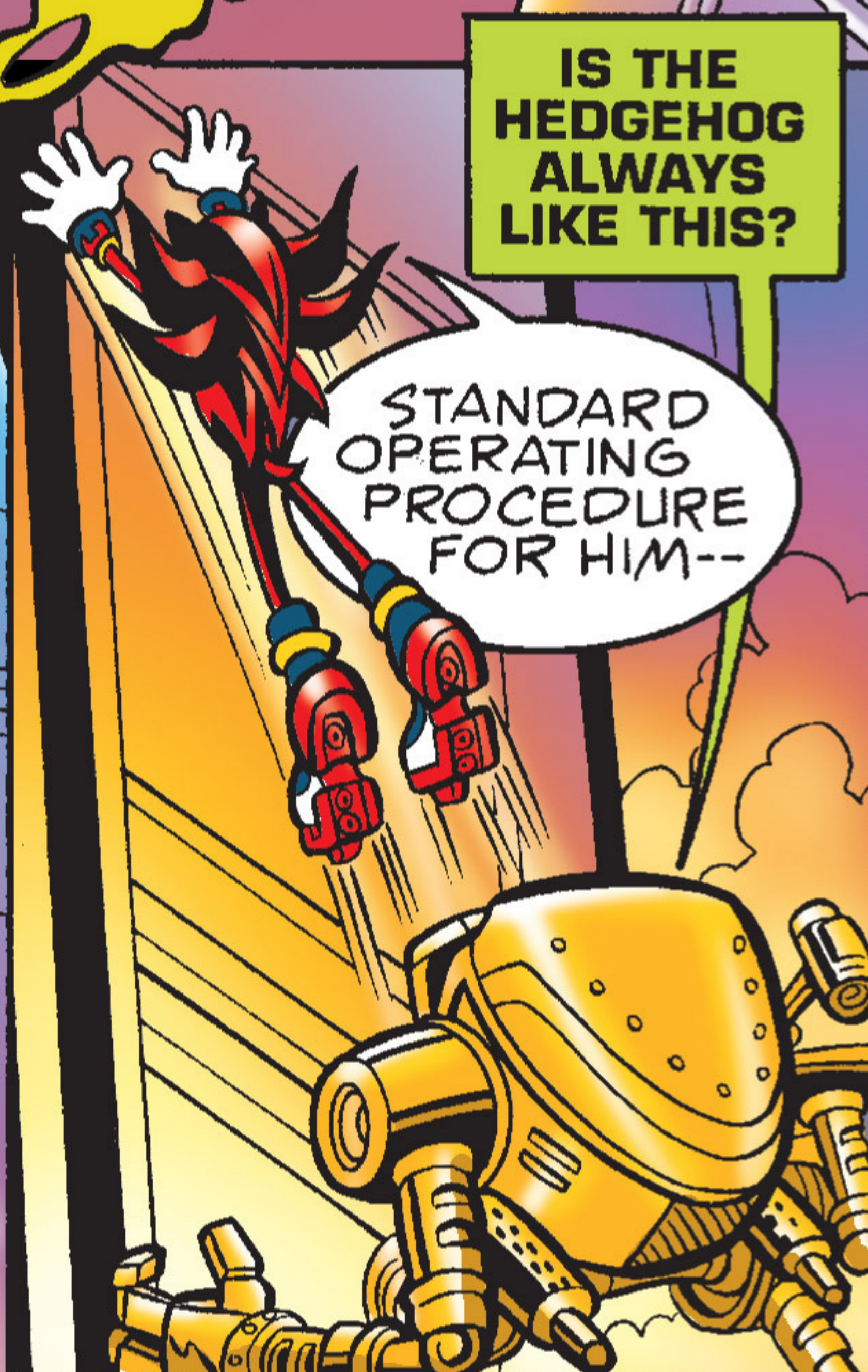


--HERE'S
MY
REPLY!

KLUUNNG!



IS THIS
YOUR WAY
OF SAYING
NEGATIVE?



IS THE
HEDGEHOG
ALWAYS
LIKE THIS?

STANDARD
OPERATING
PROCEDURE
FOR HIM--

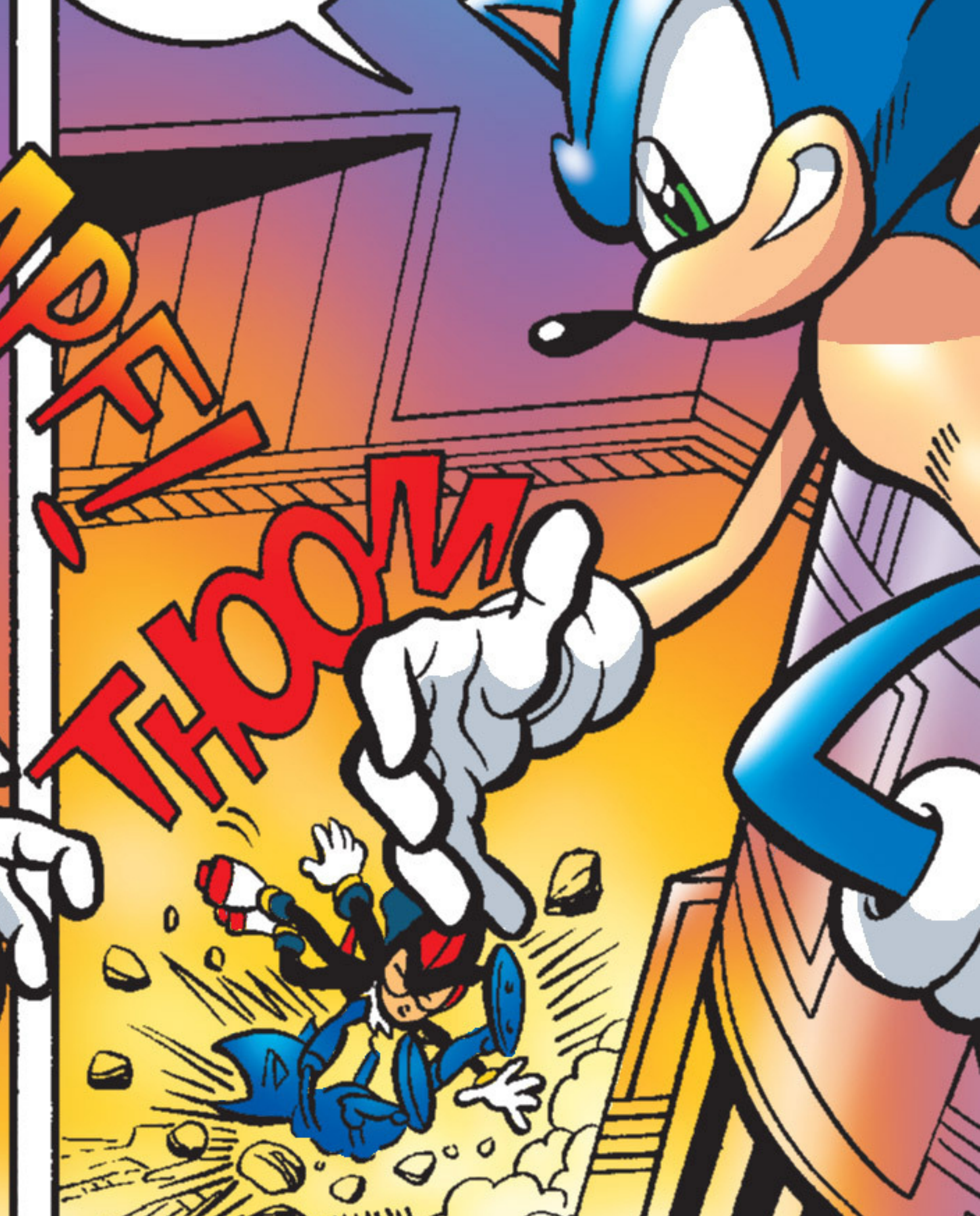


--BUT
THIS
TIME
HE
HAS--

YOU
WERE
SAYING,
SHAD?



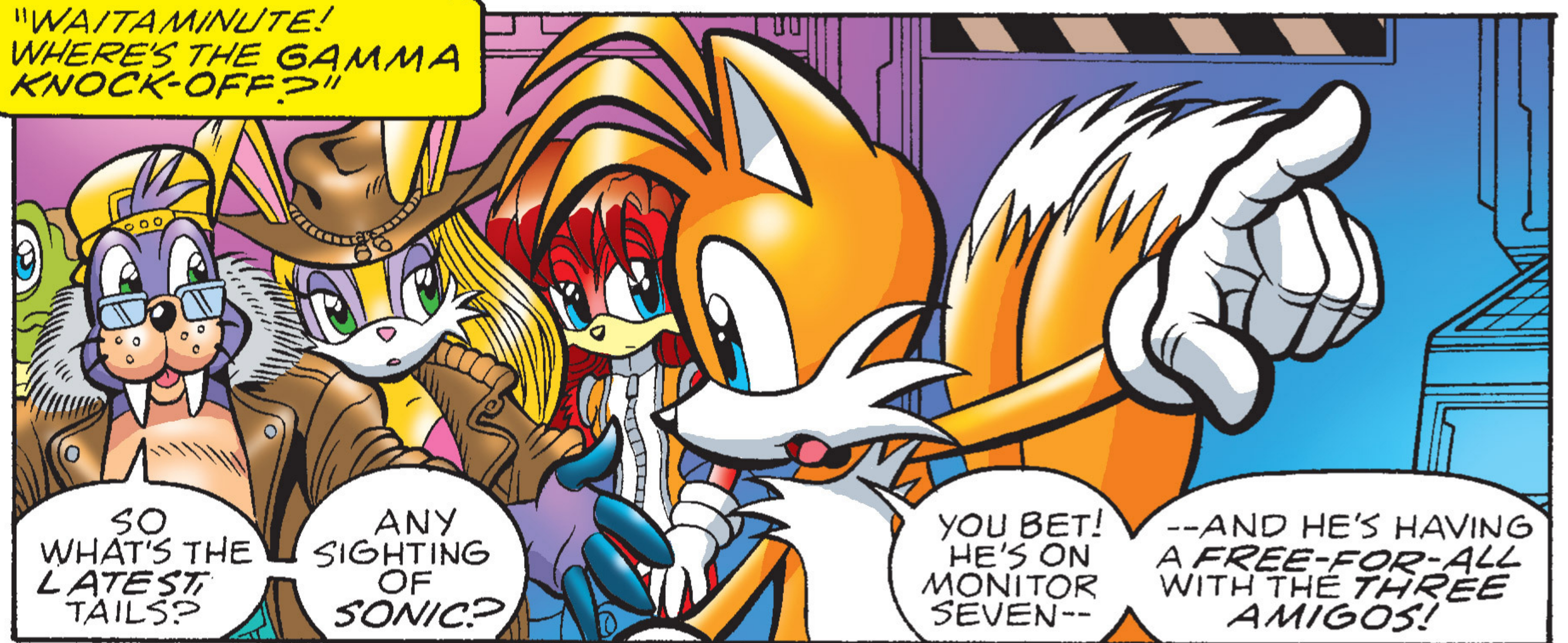
OOOH,
THAT'S
GOTTA
HURT!



YOU
MIGHT
PUT IT
THAT
WAY--

--YEAH!

"WAIT A MINUTE!
WHERE'S THE GAMMA
KNOCK-OFF?"



SO
WHAT'S THE
LATEST
TAILS?

ANY
SIGHTING
OF
SONIC?

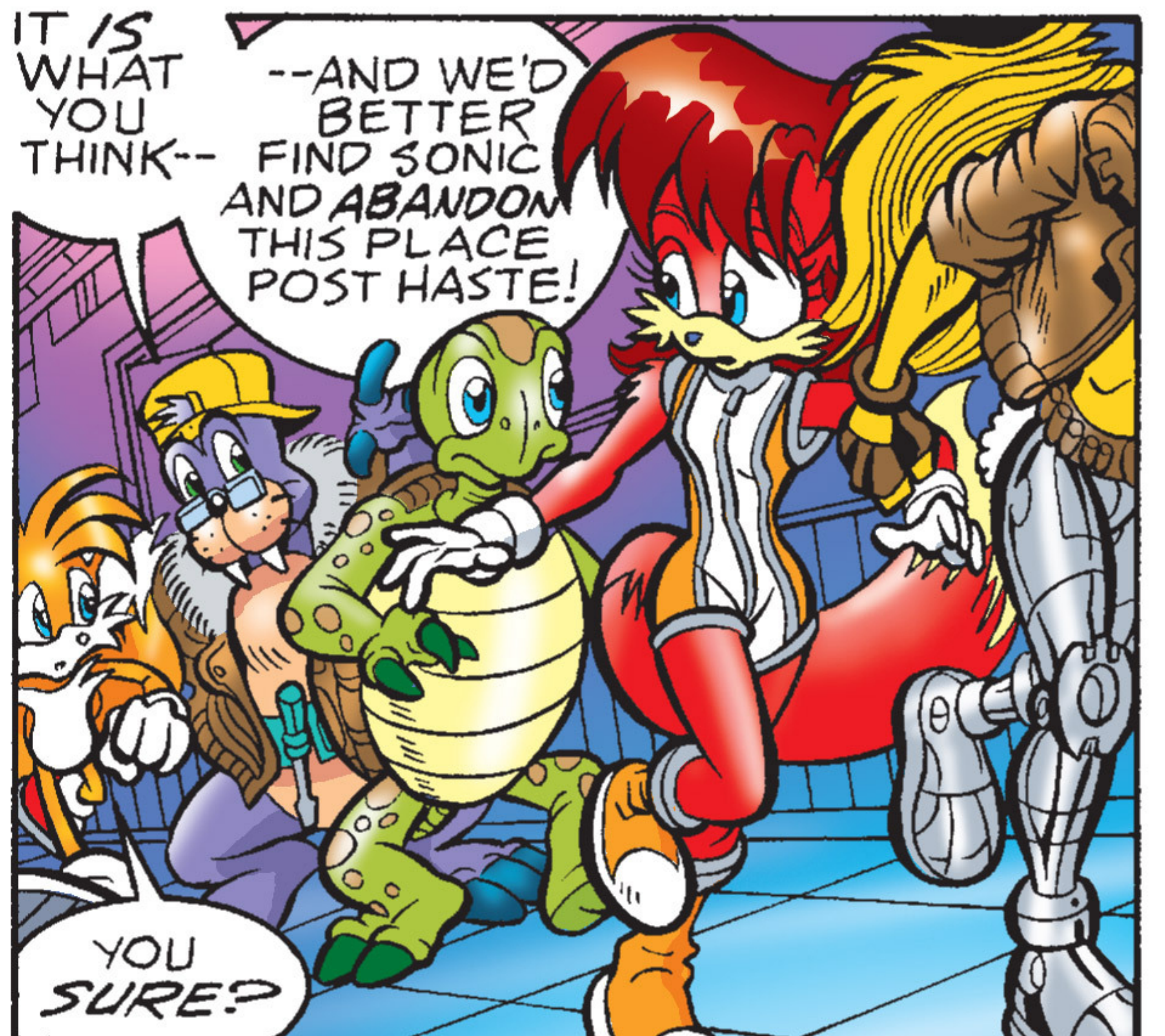
YOU BET!
HE'S ON
MONITOR
SEVEN--

--AND HE'S HAVING
A *FREE-FOR-ALL*
WITH THE *THREE*
AMIGOS!



NOW LOOK
WHAT'S IN THE
BACKGROUND!

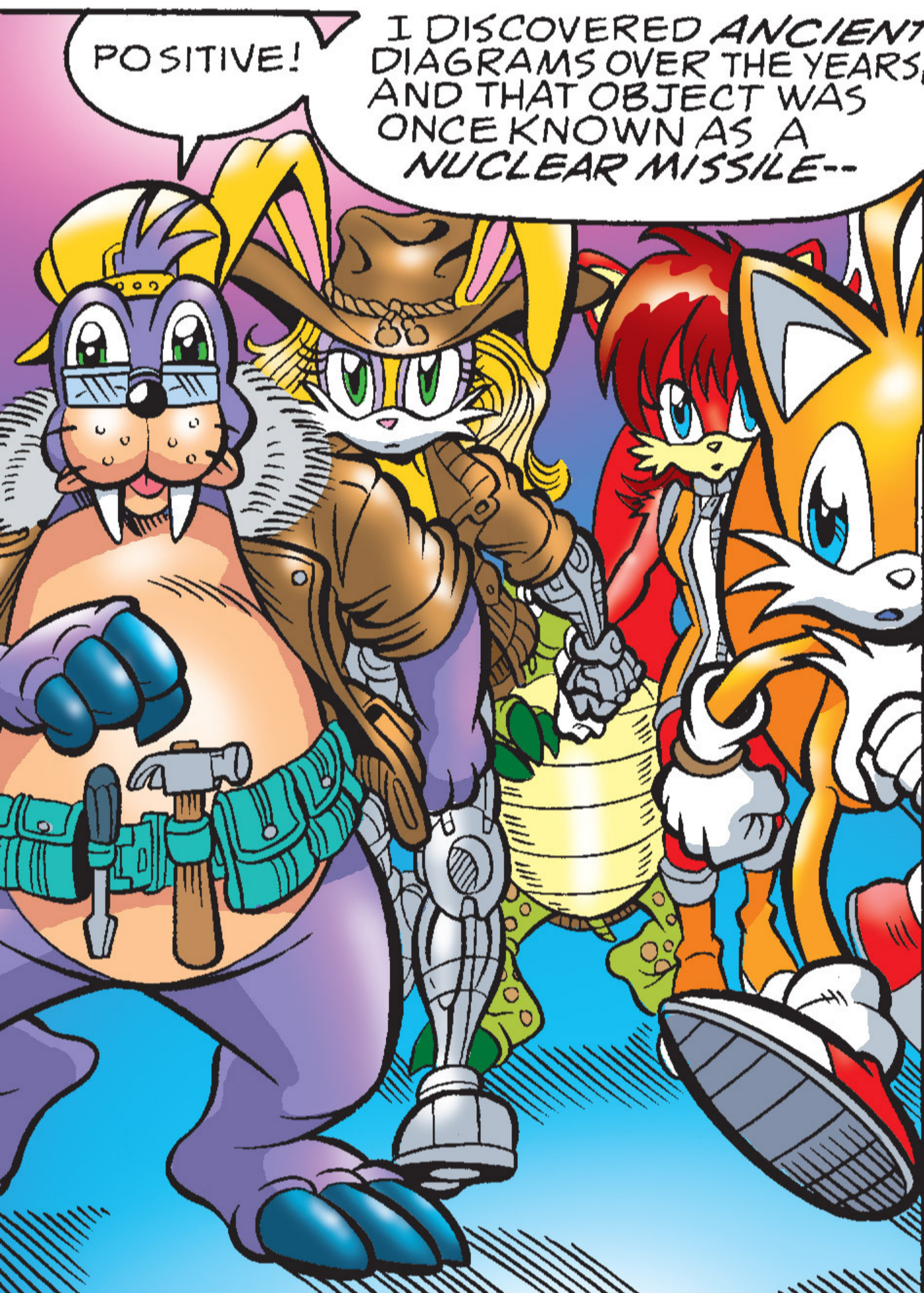
IF THAT THING
IS *WHAT* I
THINK IT IS, I
DON'T THINK
IT'S A *GOOD*
THING!



IT IS
WHAT
YOU
THINK--

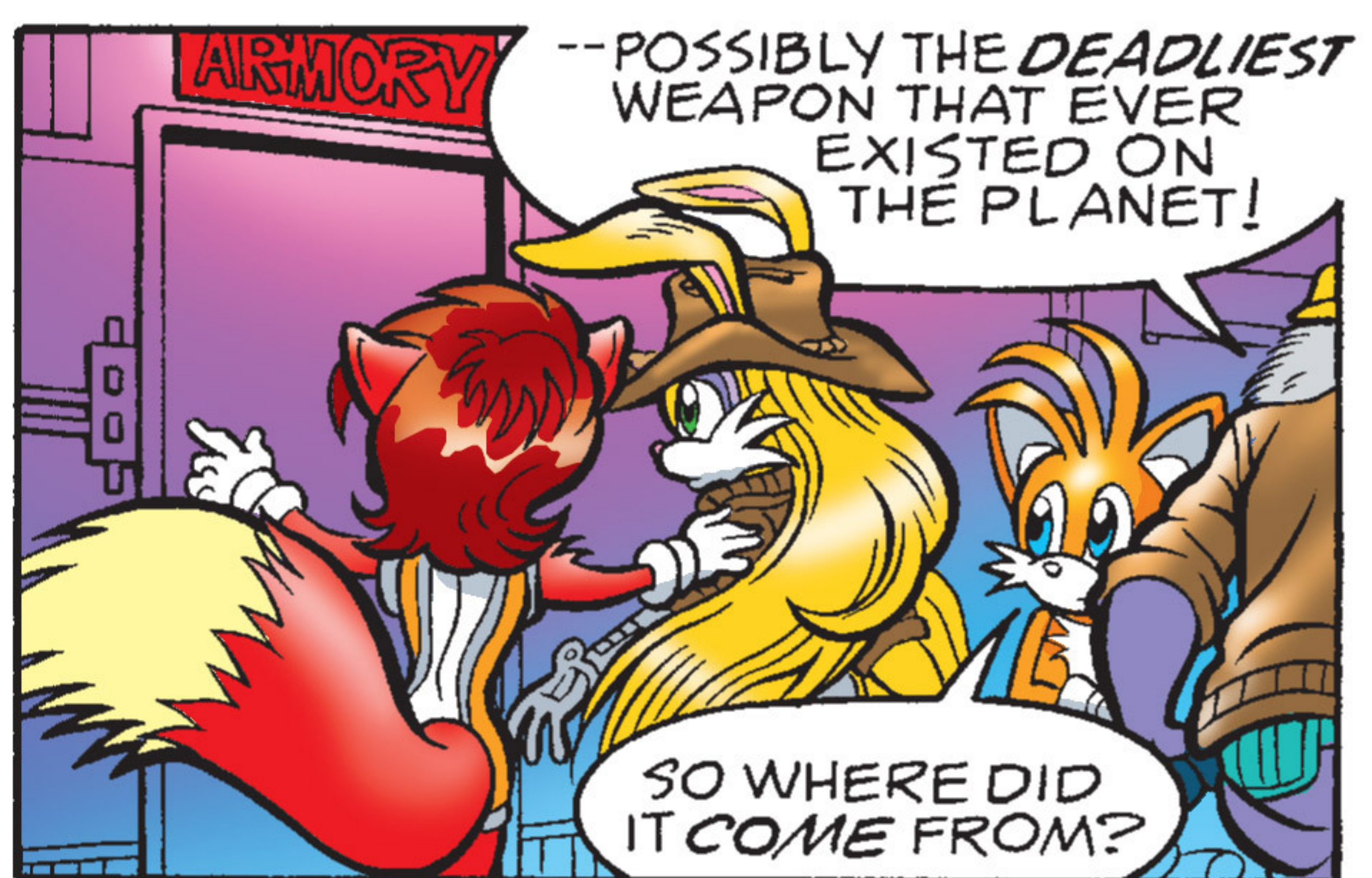
--AND WE'D
BETTER
FIND SONIC
AND *ABANDON*
THIS PLACE
POST HASTE!

YOU
SURE?



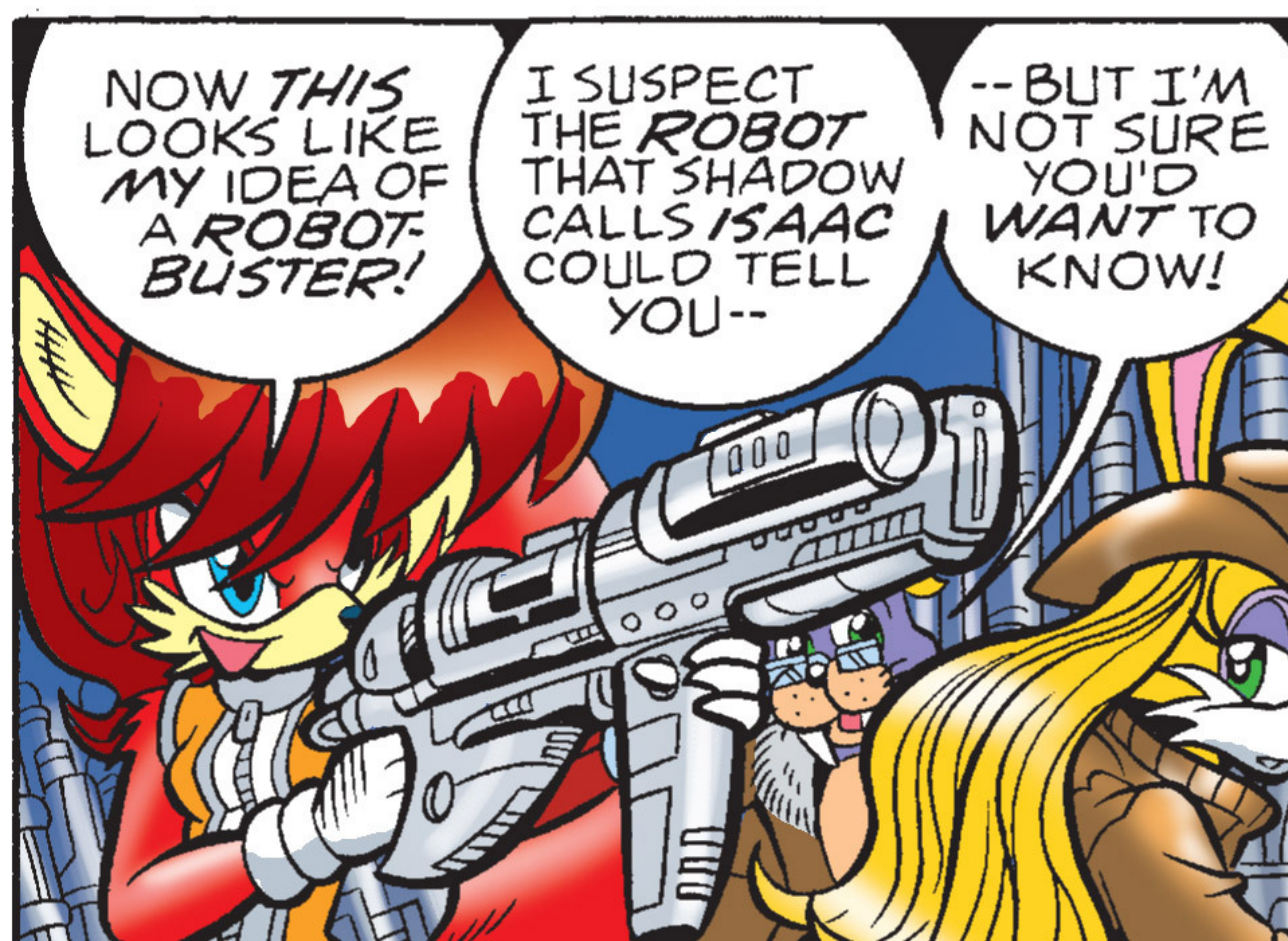
POSITIVE!

I DISCOVERED *ANCIENT*
DIAGRAMS OVER THE YEARS,
AND THAT OBJECT WAS
ONCE KNOWN AS A
NUCLEAR MISSILE--



--POSSIBLY THE *DEADLIEST*
WEAPON THAT EVER
EXISTED ON
THE PLANET!

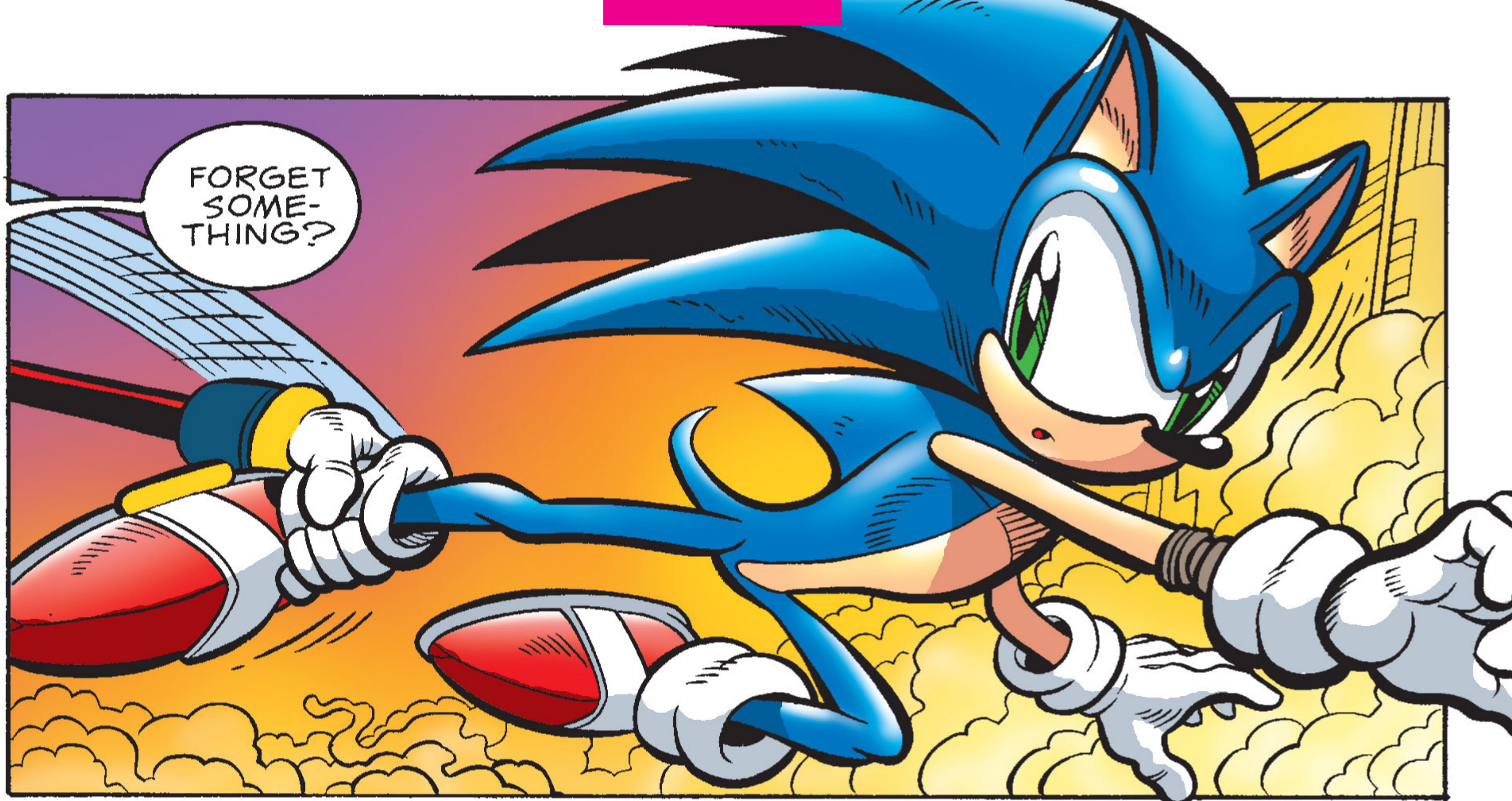
SO WHERE DID
IT COME FROM?



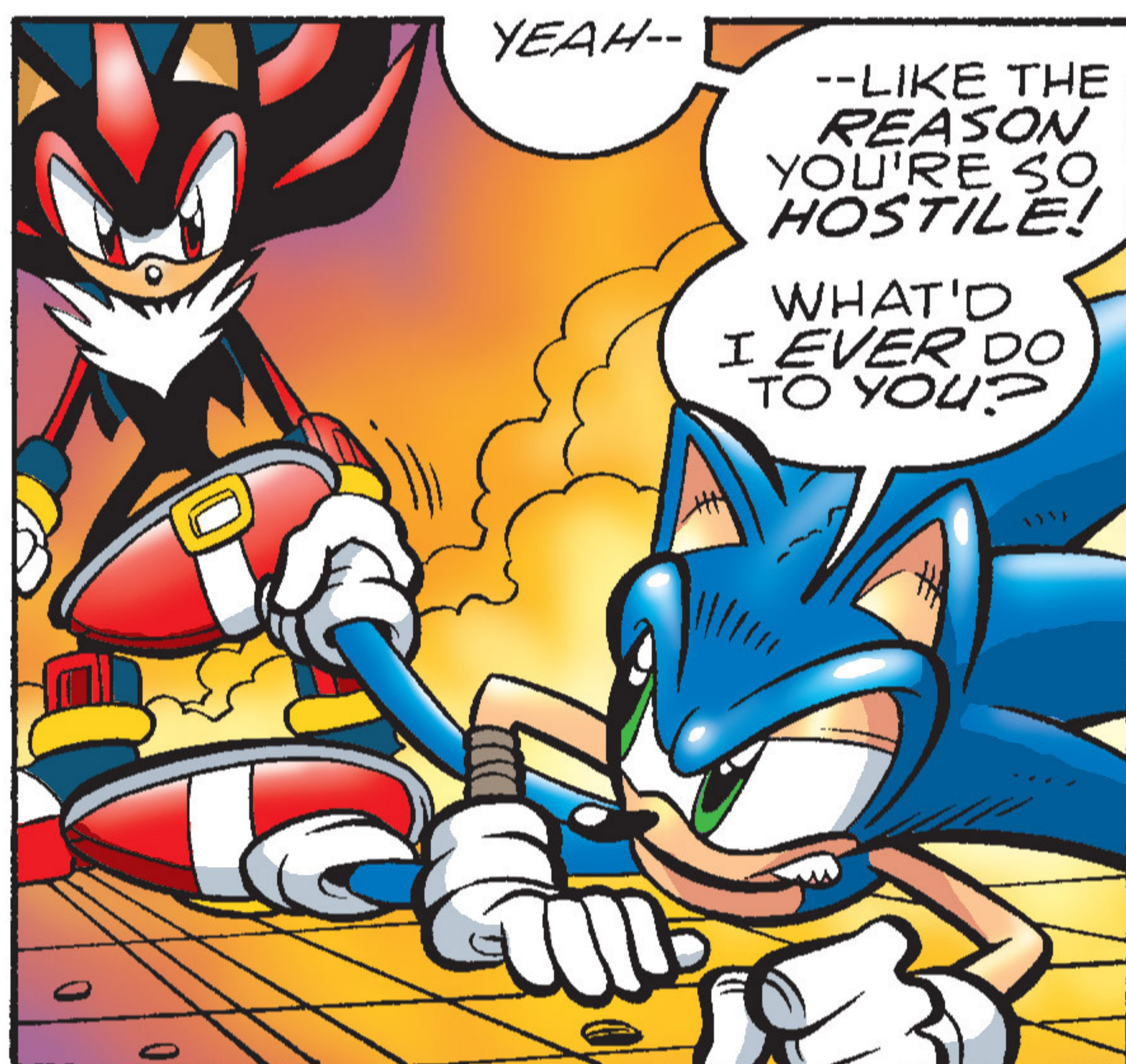
NOW *THIS*
LOOKS LIKE
MY IDEA OF
A *ROBOT-
BUSTER!*

I SUSPECT
THE *ROBOT*
THAT SHADOW
CALLS *ISAAC*
COULD TELL
YOU--

--BUT I'M
NOT SURE
YOU'D
WANT TO
KNOW!



FORGET
SOME-
THING?



YEAH--

--LIKE THE
REASON
YOU'RE SO
HOSTILE!

WHAT'D
I **EVER** DO
TO YOU?

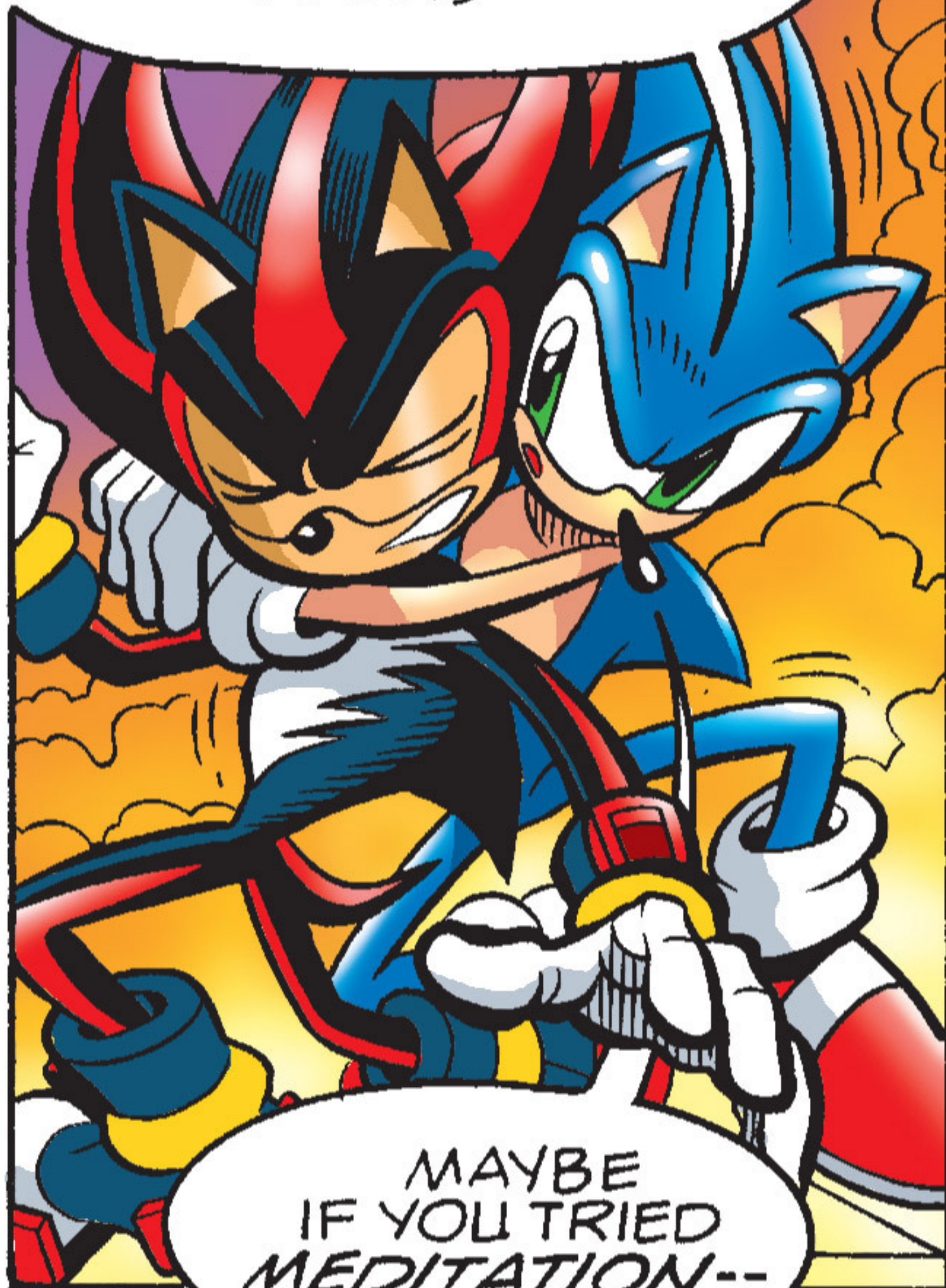


A **FAIR**
QUESTION!

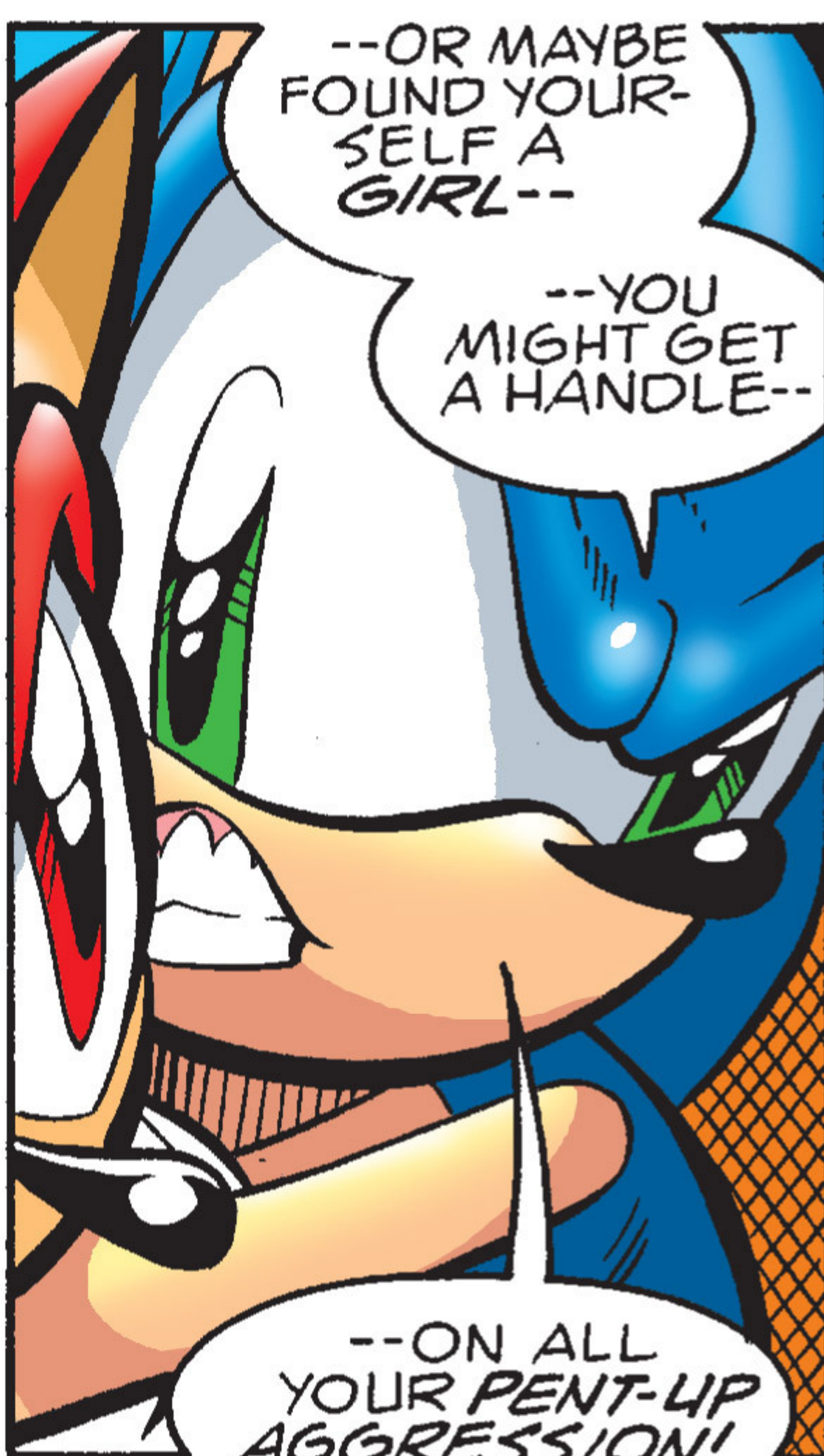
I SENSE
YOU ARE AN
ENEMY--

--BUT I KNOW
NOT WHY!

SOUNDS MORE LIKE A
LAPSE TO THE **SYNAPSE**
IN THAT **NOGGIN** OF
YOURS



MAYBE
IF YOU TRIED
MEDITATION--



--OR MAYBE
FOUND YOUR-
SELF A
GIRL--

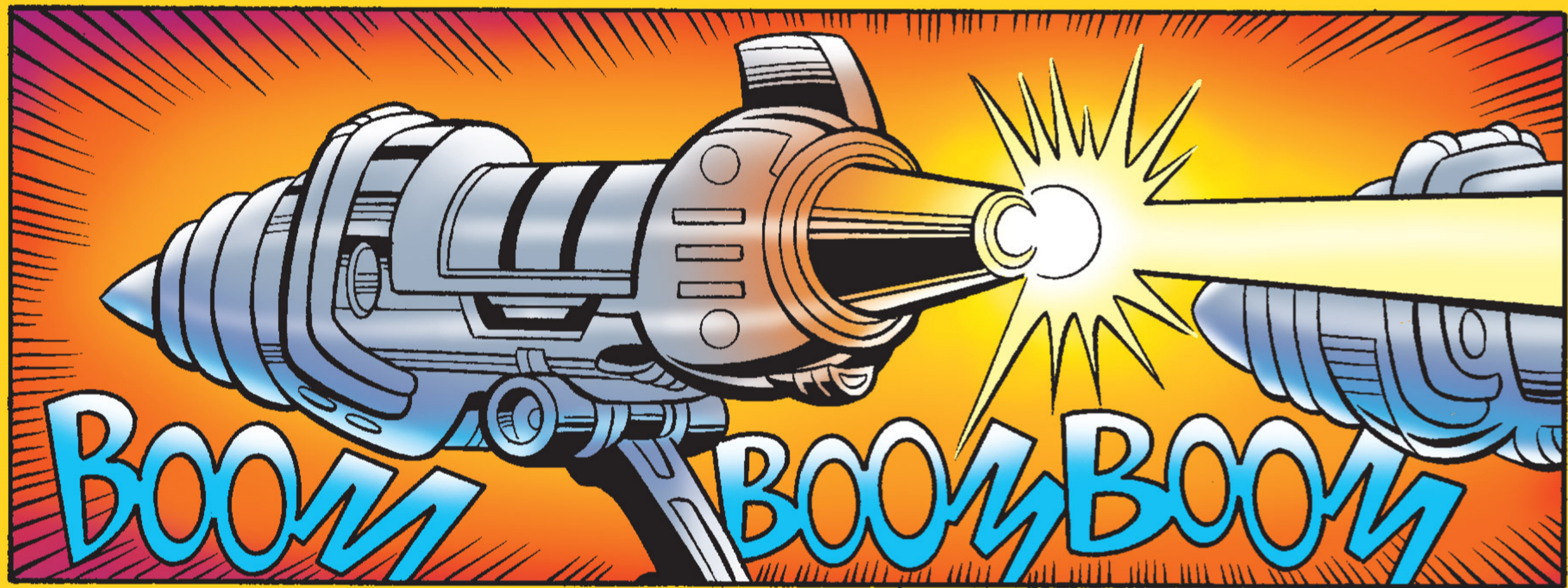
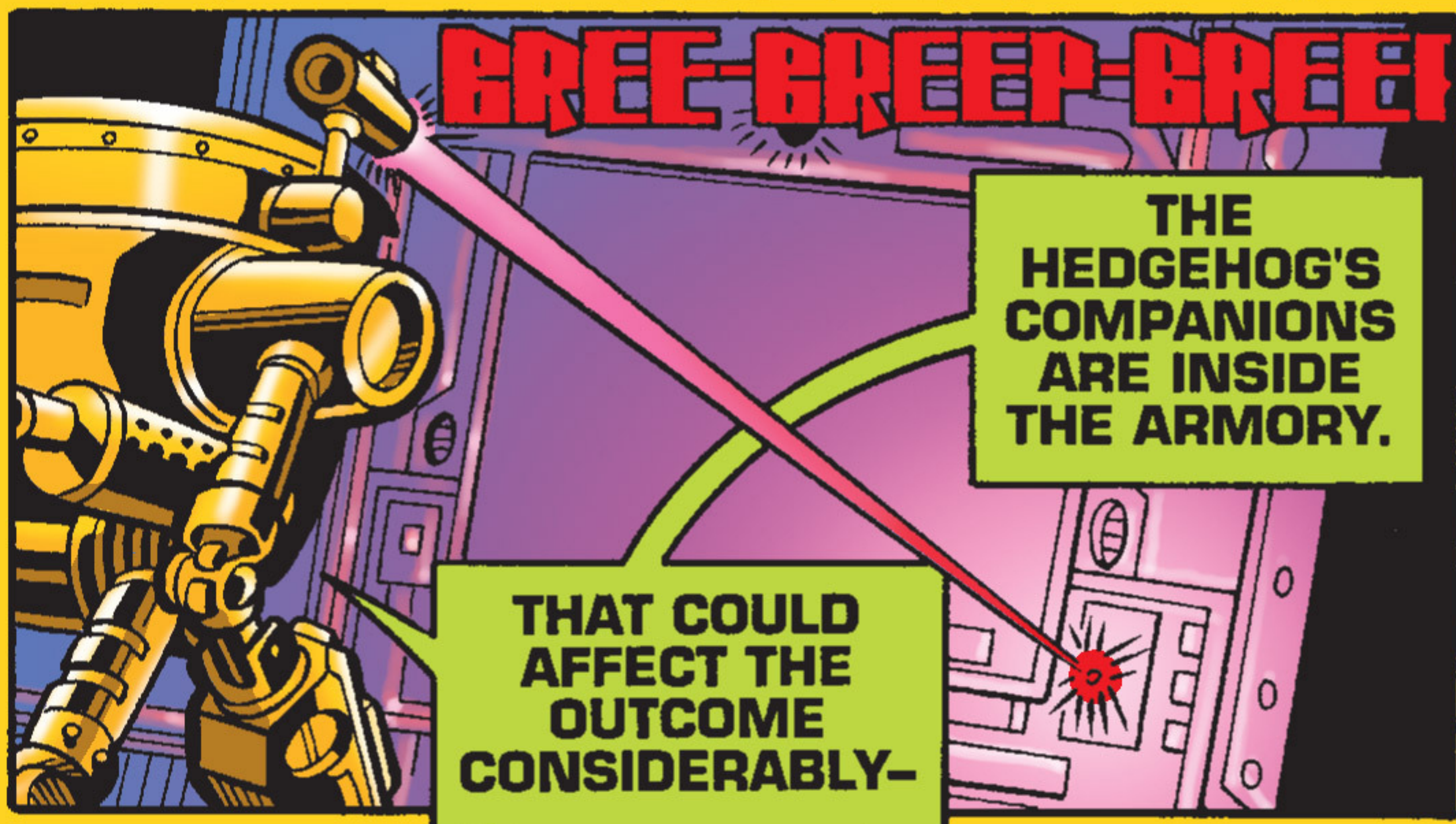
--YOU
MIGHT GET
A HANDLE--

--ON ALL
YOUR **PENT-UP**
AGGRESSION!



OOF!

THUD





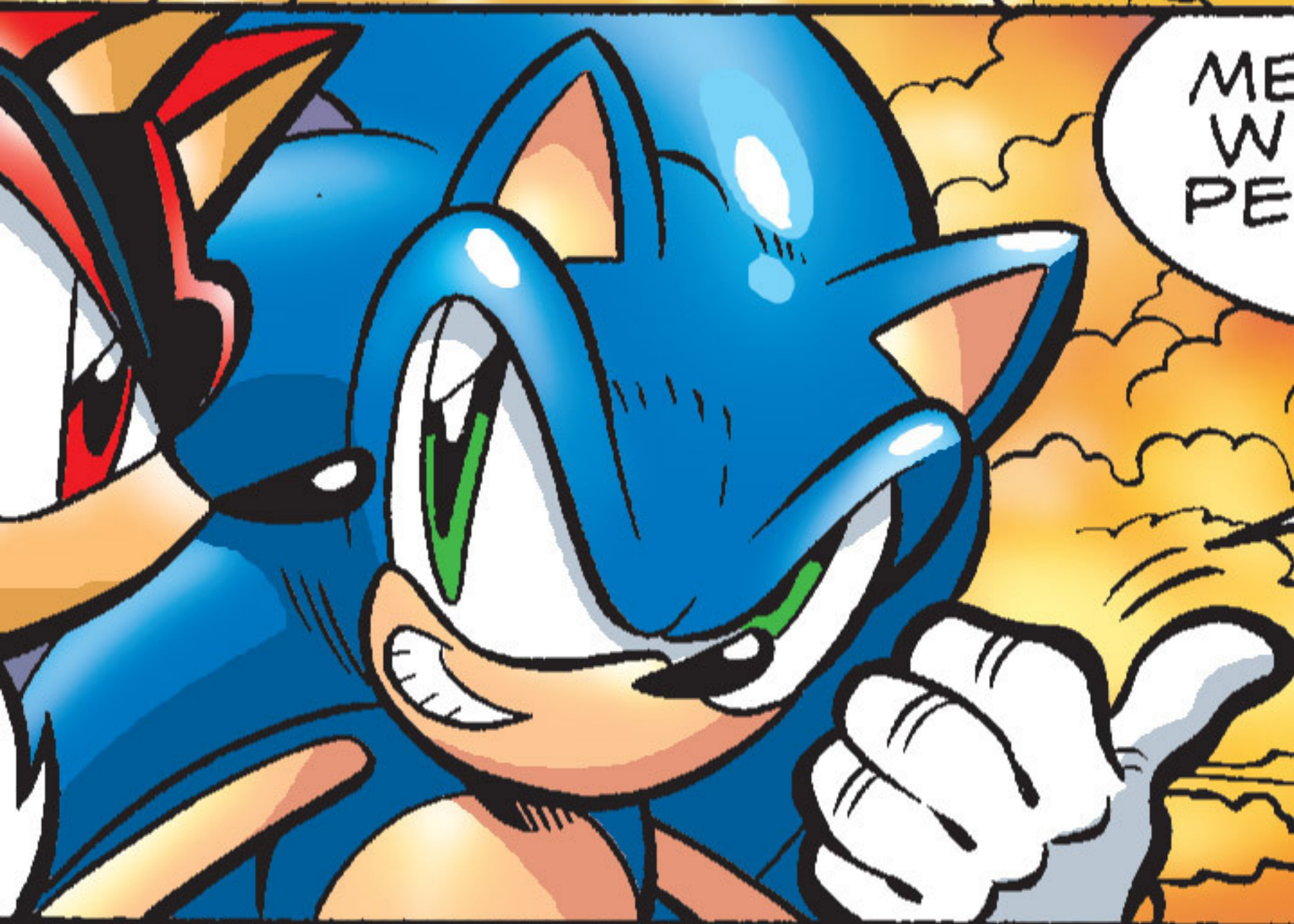
MAYBE
I JUST DON'T
LIKE YOUR
ATTITUDE!

AWW,
WHAT'S
NOT TO
LIKE?



SAY, DOES
THE *STEAM*
SEEM TO BE
GETTING
THICKER
TO YOU?

I WILL NOT
BE *DISTRACTED*
BY SUCH A
CHILDISH PLOY!



ME *KID* YOU?
WHERE'S THE
PERCENTAGE?

BY THE WAY,
SEEN YOUR
FRIEND
ISAAC
AROUND?

I SEE
OL' SPARKY
OVER
THERE--



--BUT IT LOOKS LIKE
MR. PERSONALITY
CUT AND RAN!

ANYWHERE
THERE WASN'T
ONE OF THESE
ABOUT TO GO
OFF!

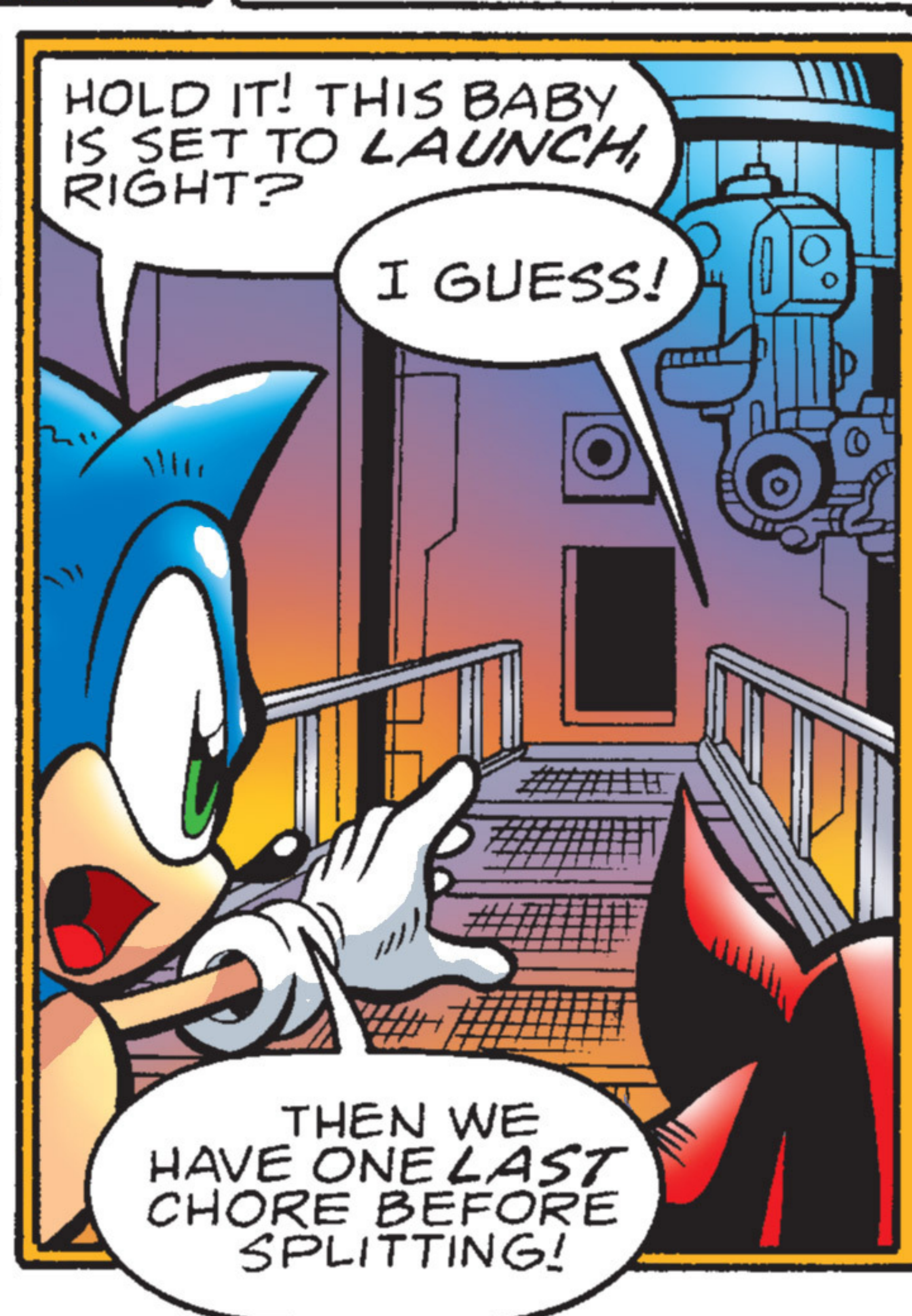
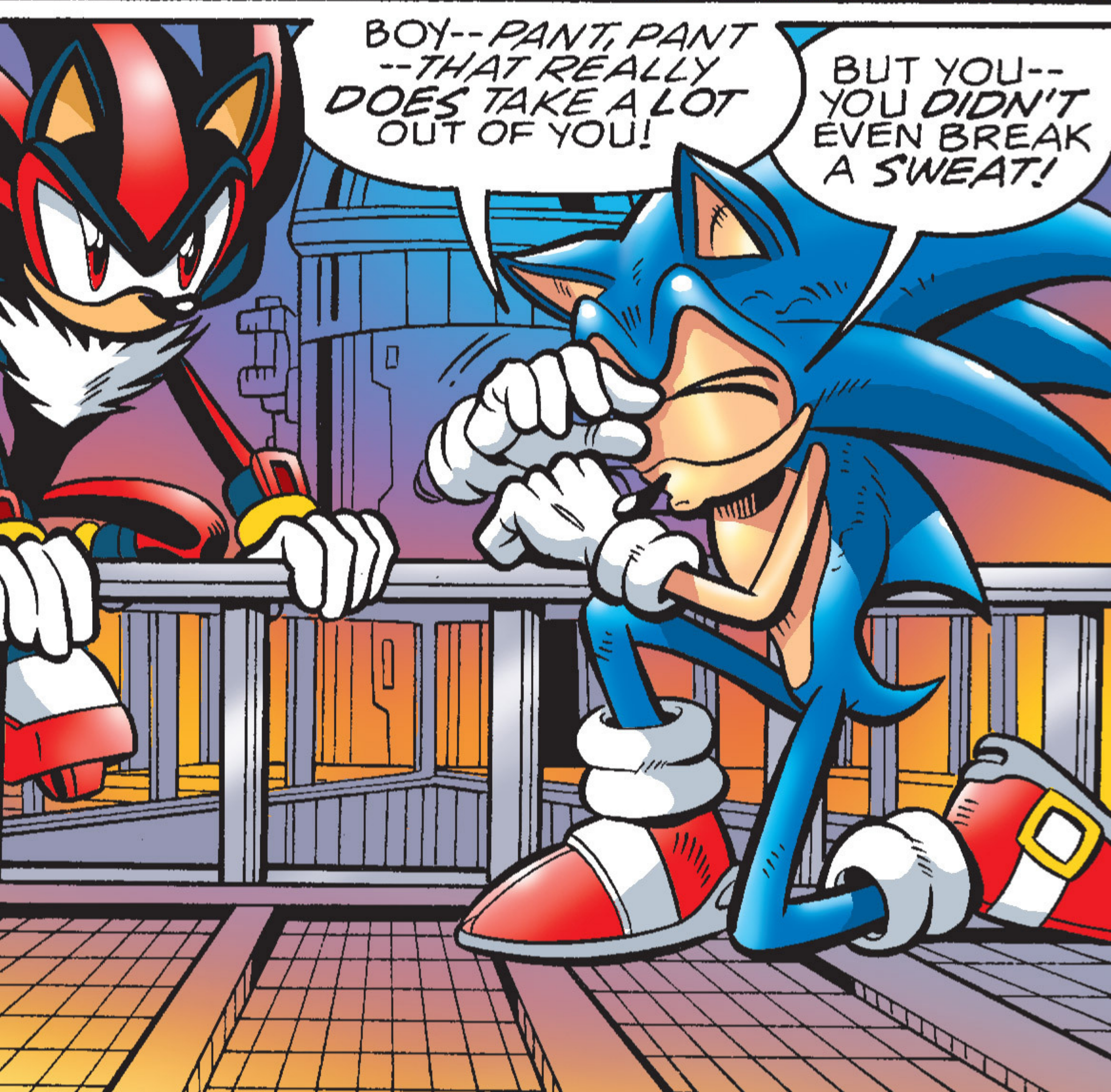
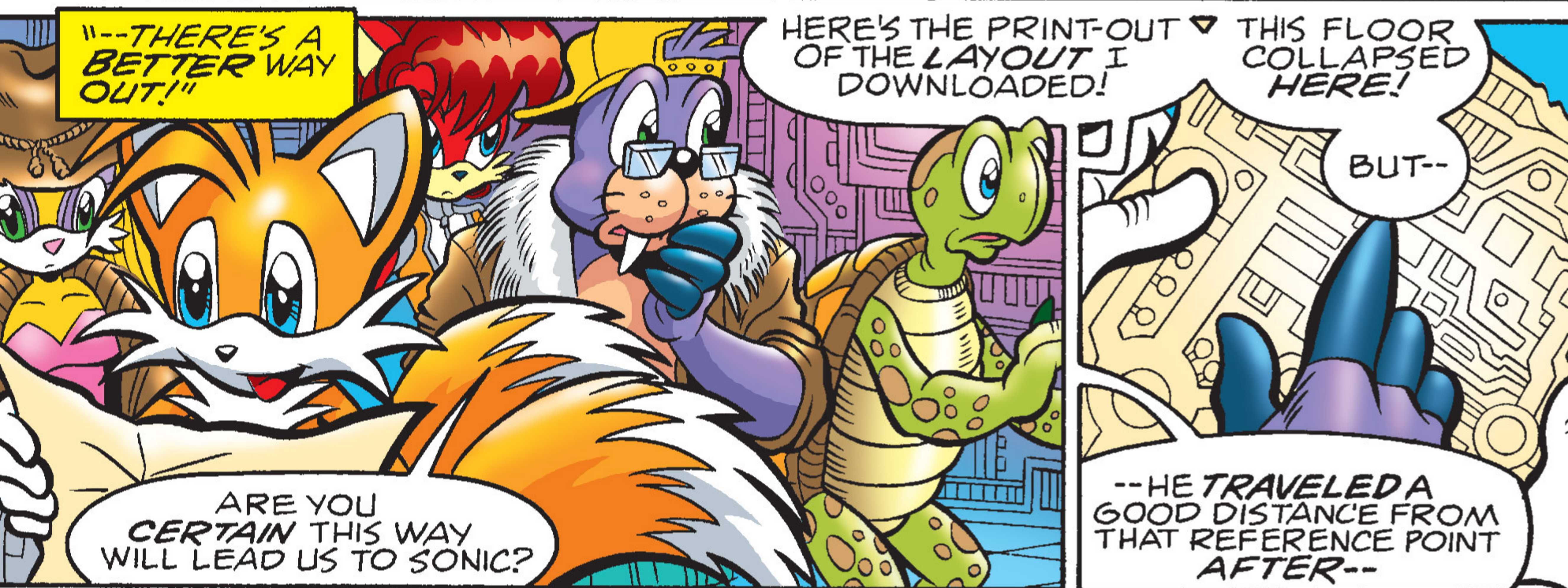
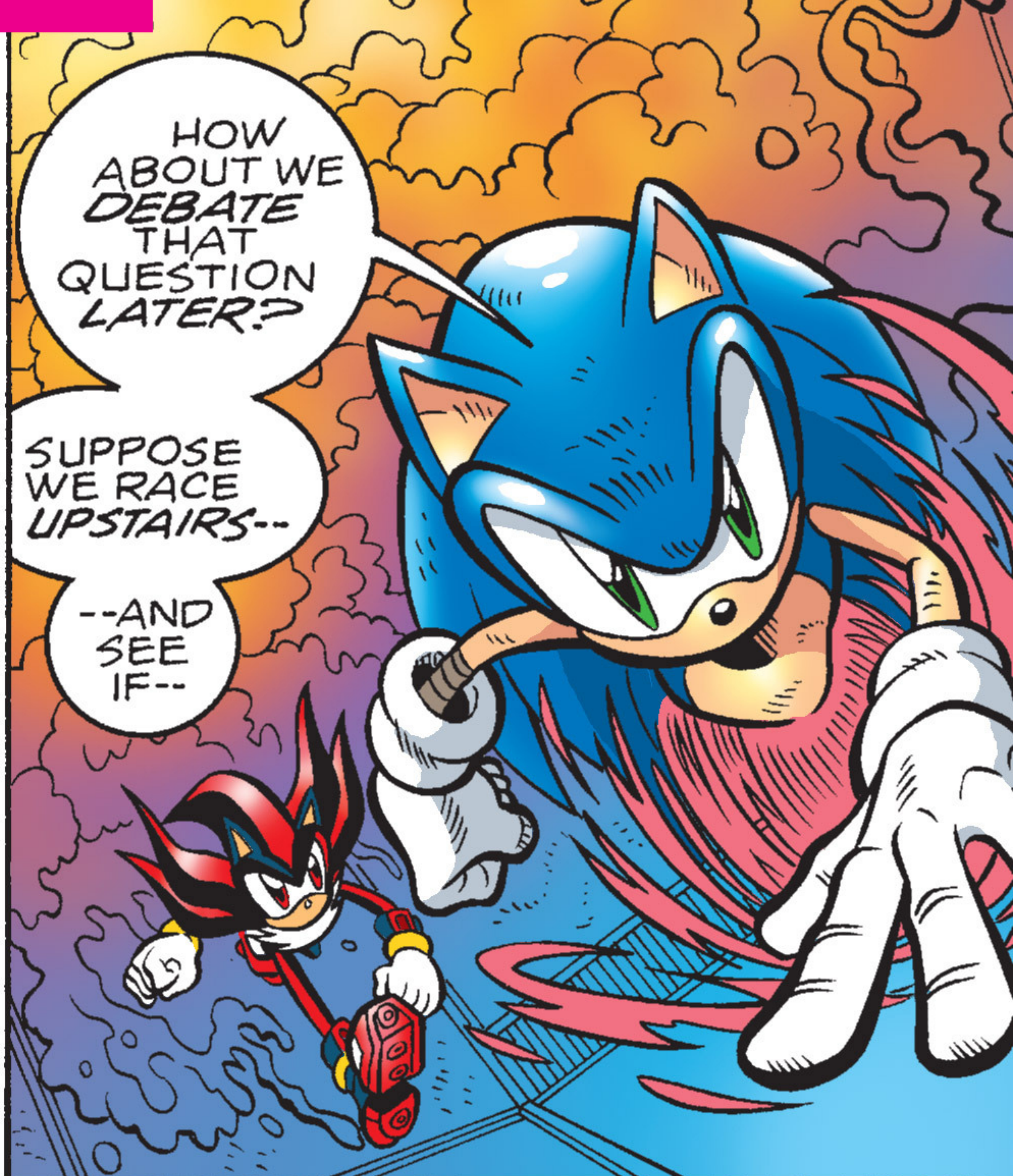
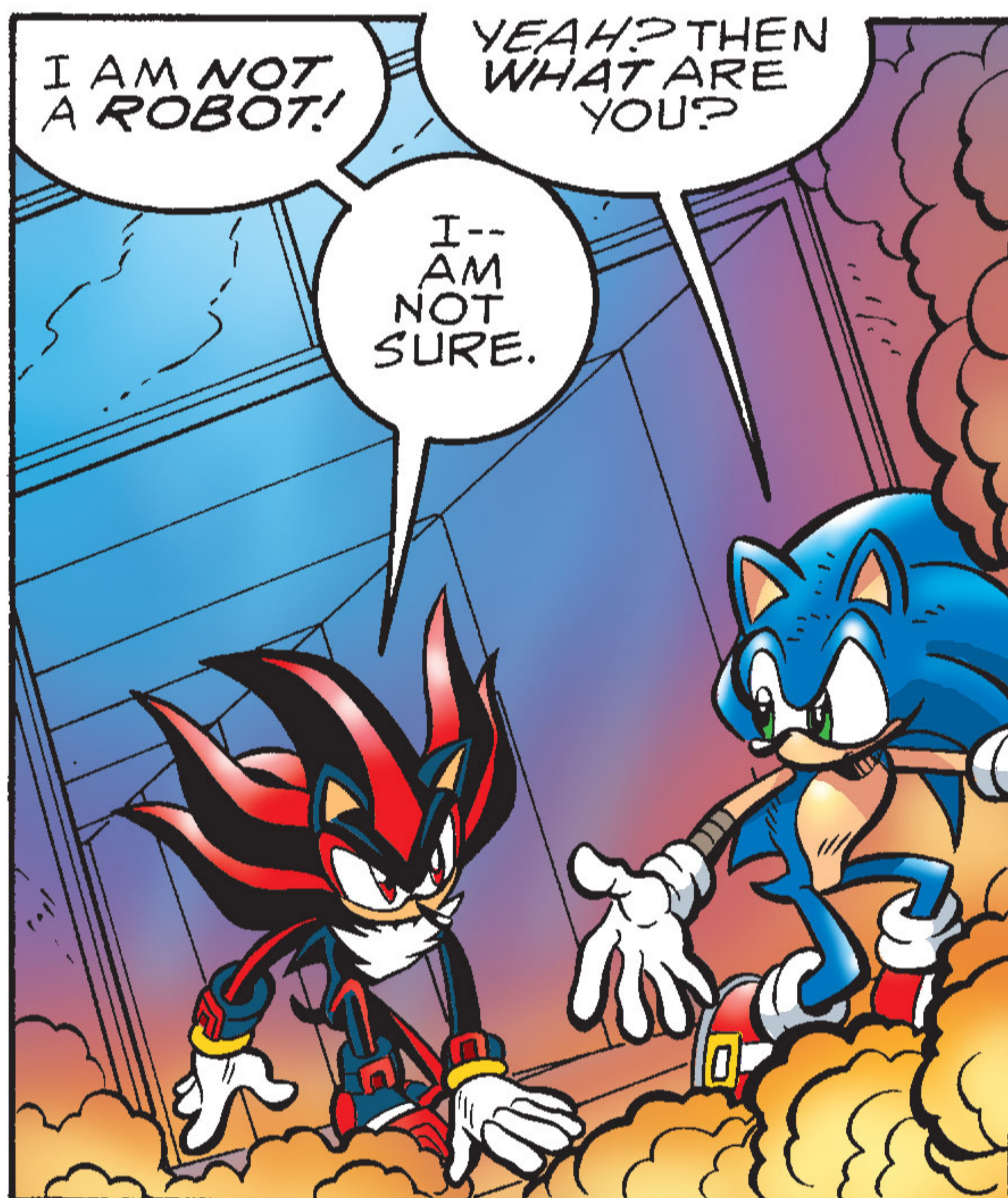
THE WAY
OUT IS
BLOCKED!

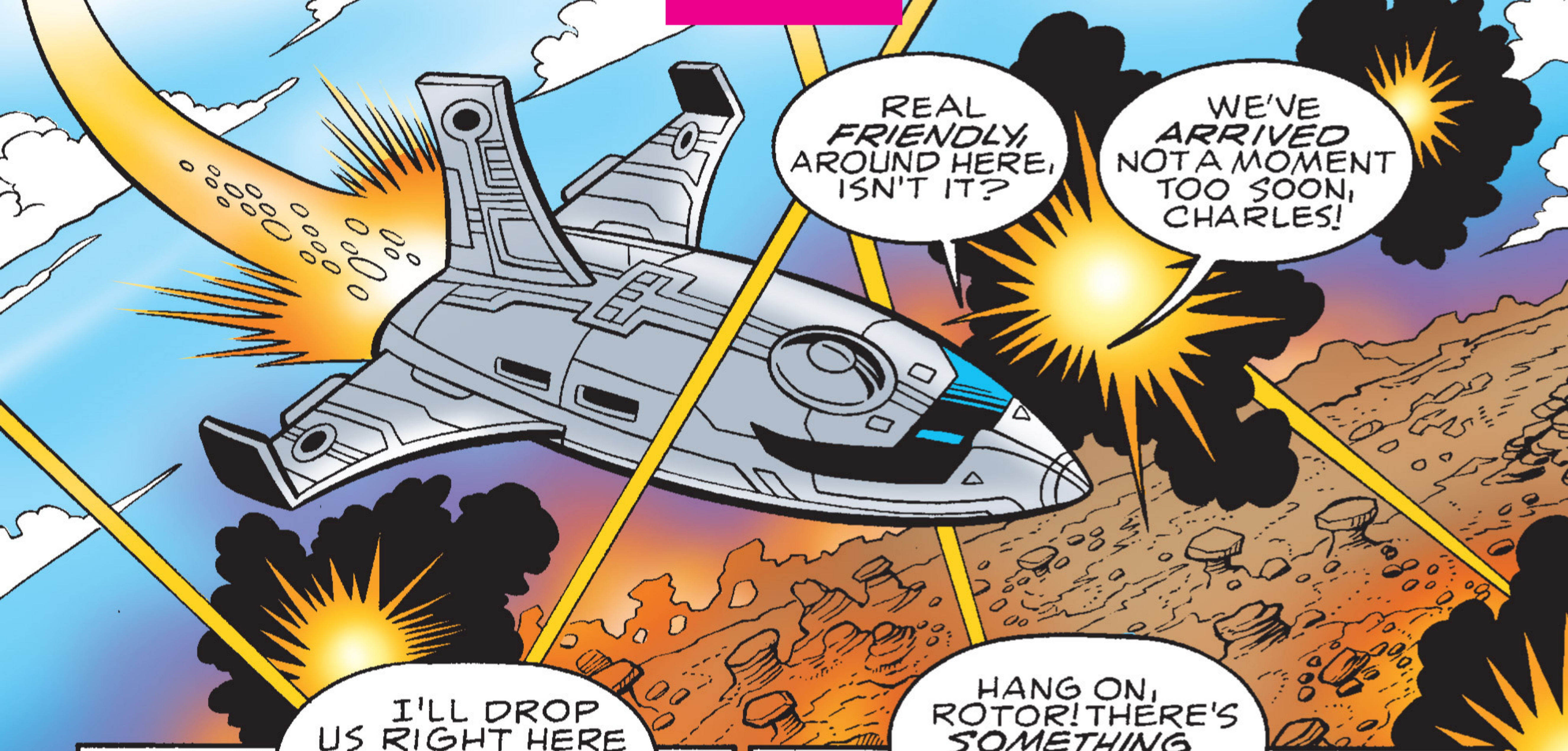
GUESS IT'S
EVERY
ROBOT FOR
HIMSELF!



YOU'RE
RIGHT!

WHERE
DO YOU
SUPPOSE
TO?





REAL FRIENDLY, AROUND HERE, ISN'T IT?

WE'VE ARRIVED NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON, CHARLES!

I'LL DROP US RIGHT HERE AND GO SEE ABOUT FINDING THE KIDS!

NO! YOU STAY WHILE I GO FETCH THEM--

HANG ON, ROTOR! THERE'S SOMETHING DOWN THAT CORRIDOR!

UNLESS IT'S SONIC, WE HAVEN'T TIME FOR SIDE TRIPS, TAILS!

LISTEN TO THE BOY, ROTOR!

YOU YOUNG'UNS SHOULD GET YOUR FANNIES ON THE SHUTTLE OUTSIDE! NOW!

"WHAT ABOUT SONIC?"

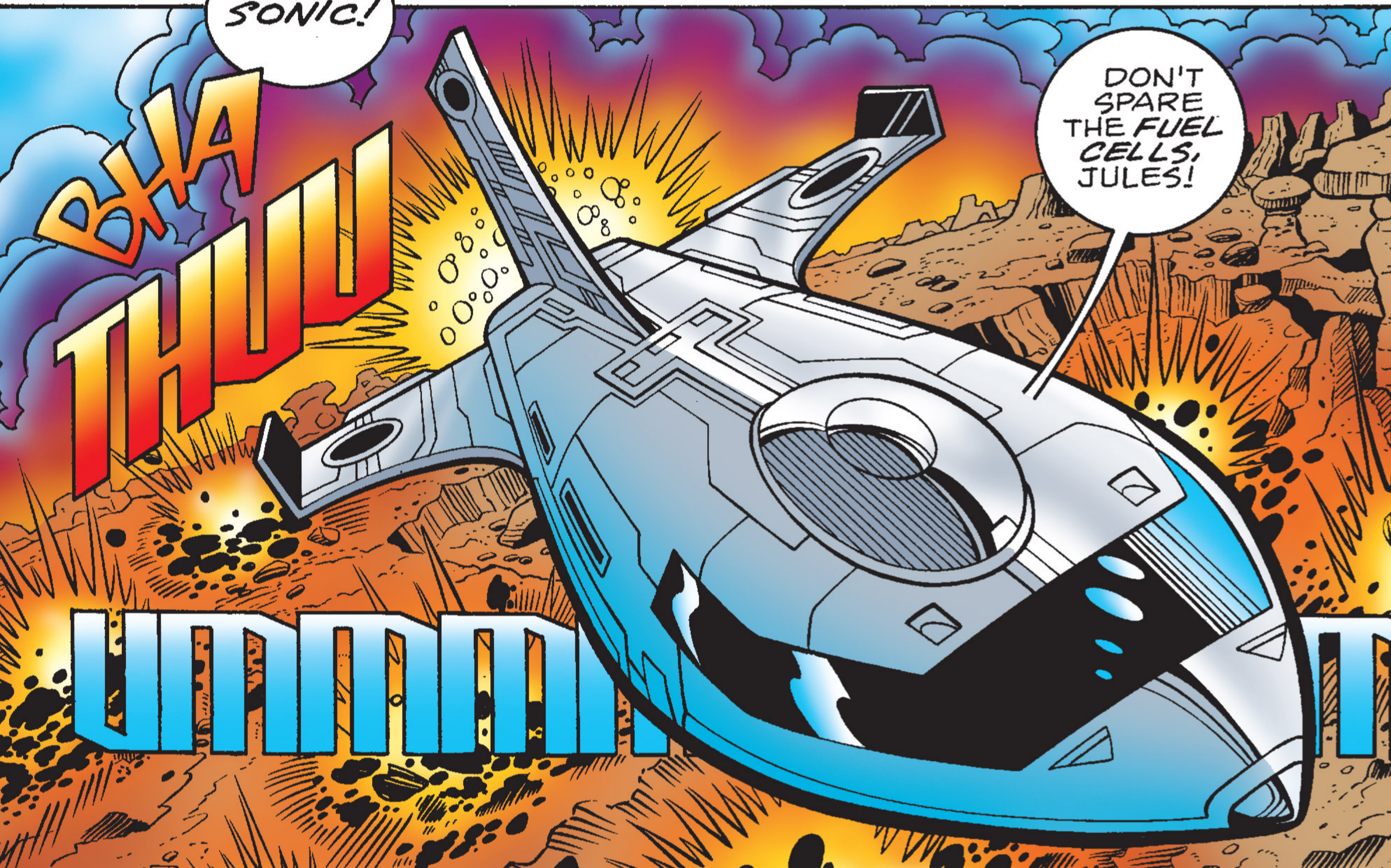
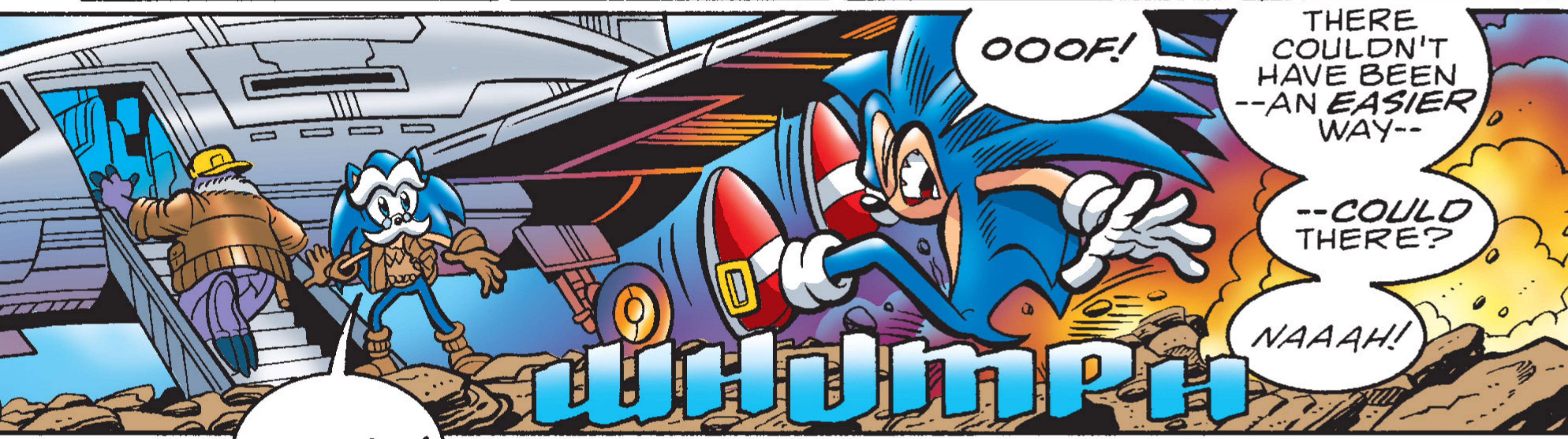
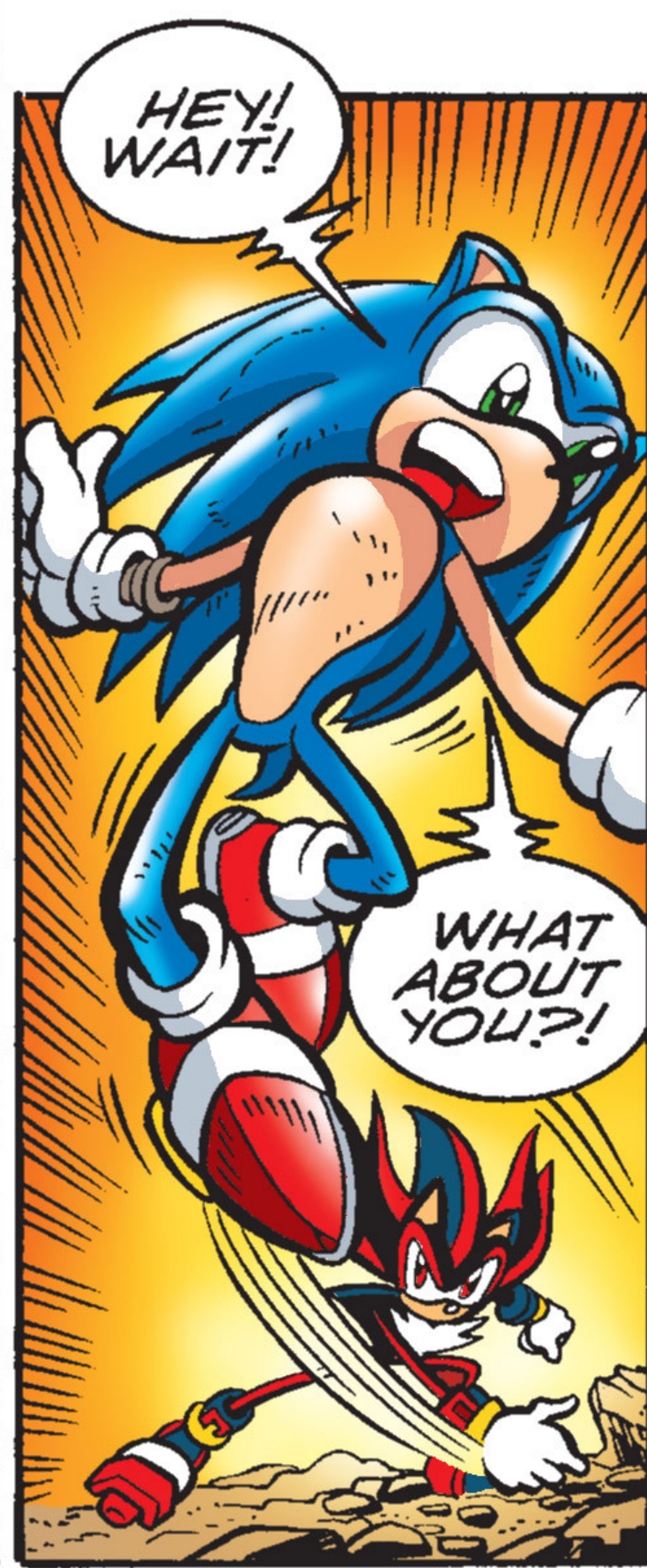
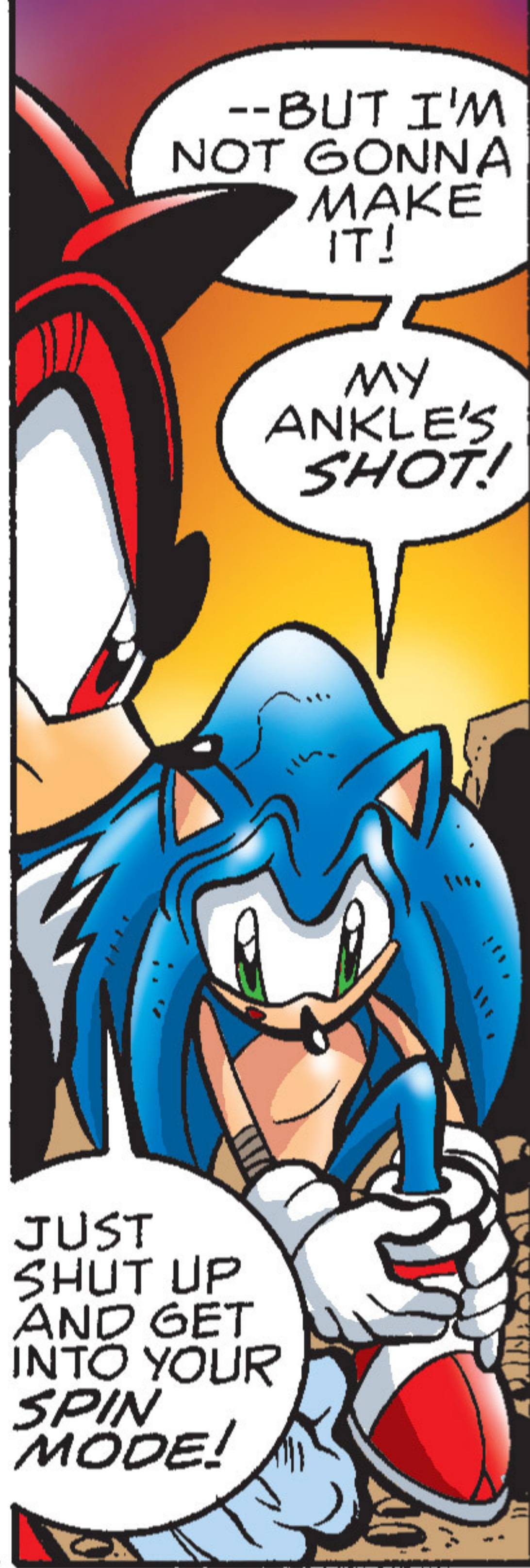
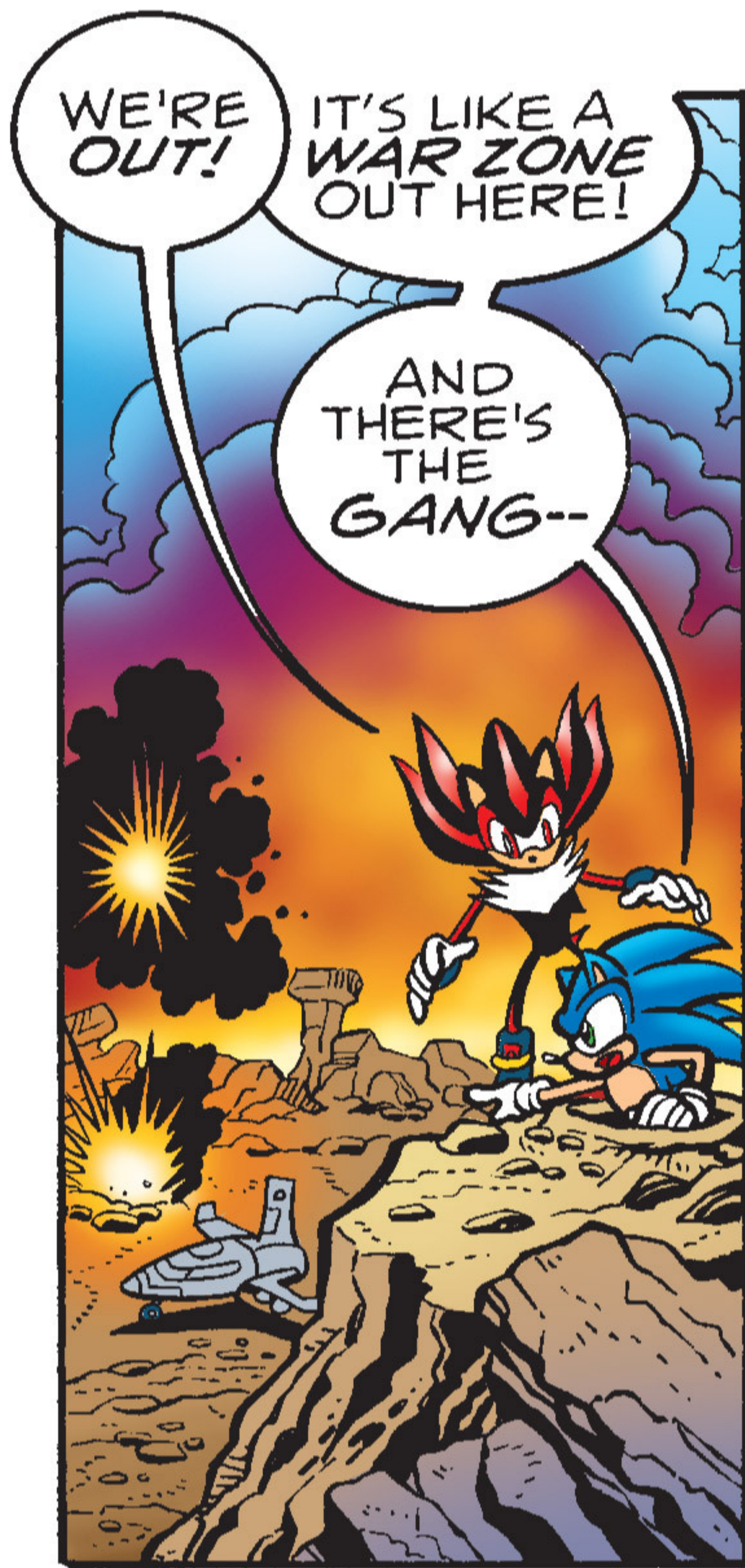
WELL, WHADDYA STANDING AROUND WAITING FOR?

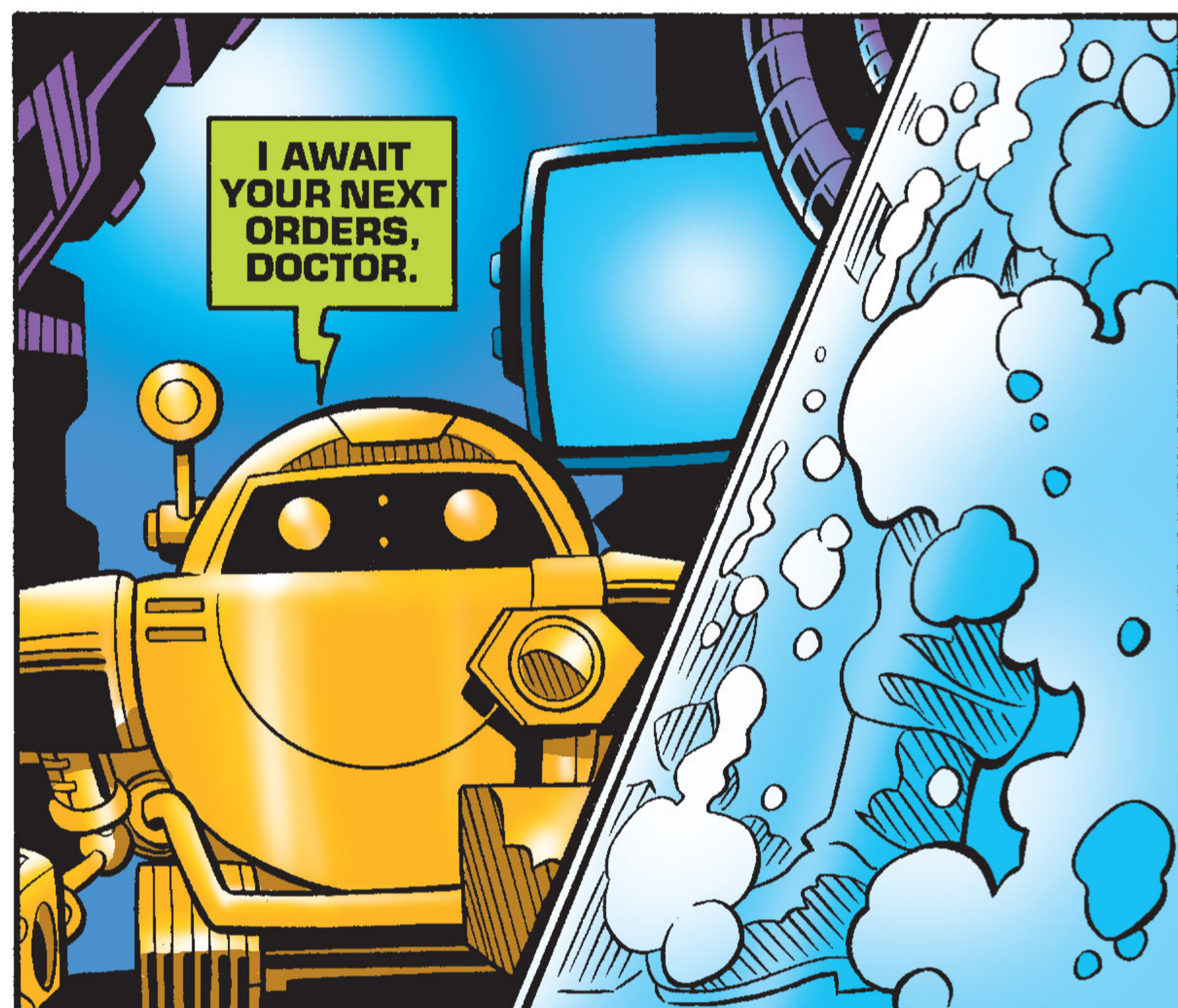
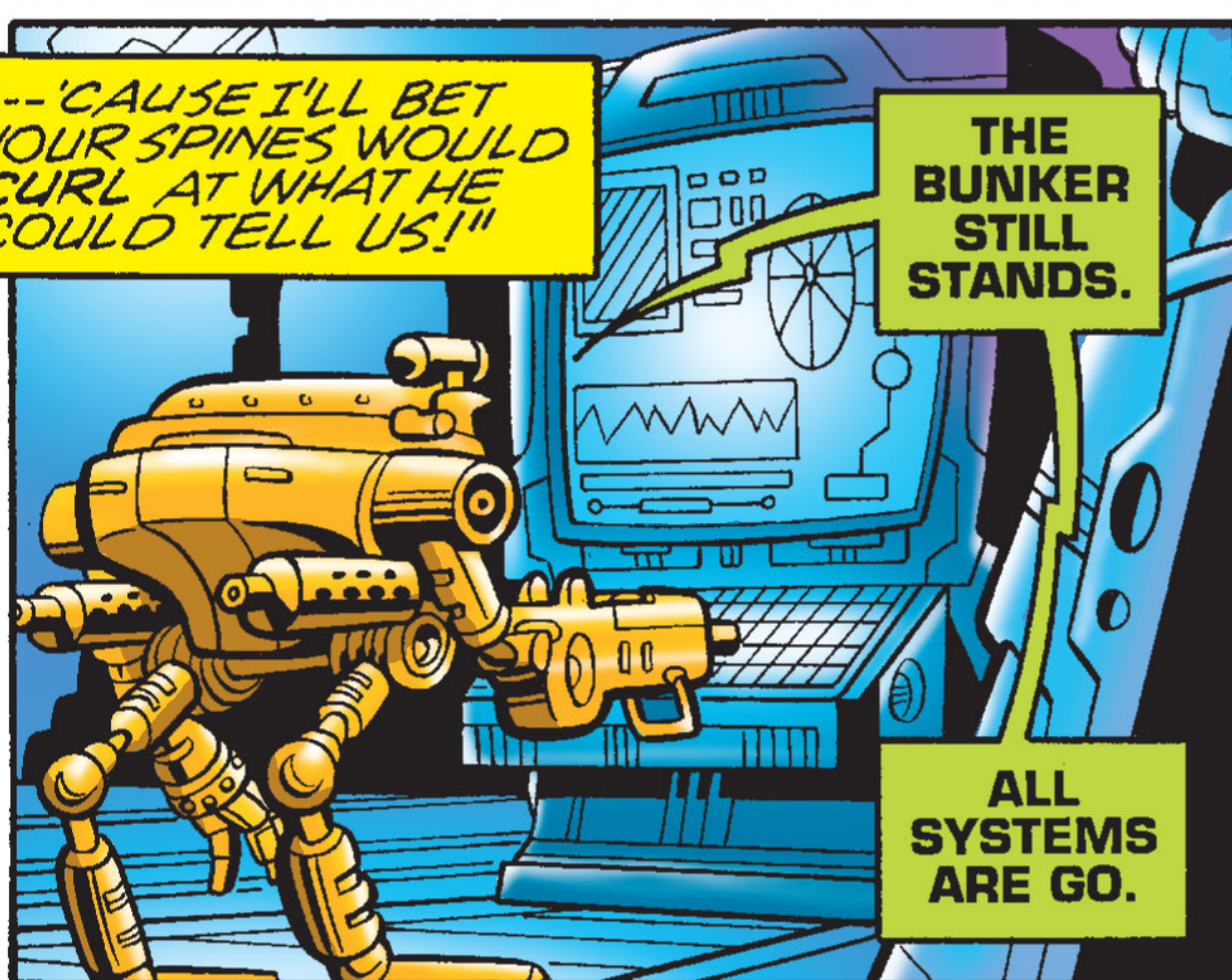
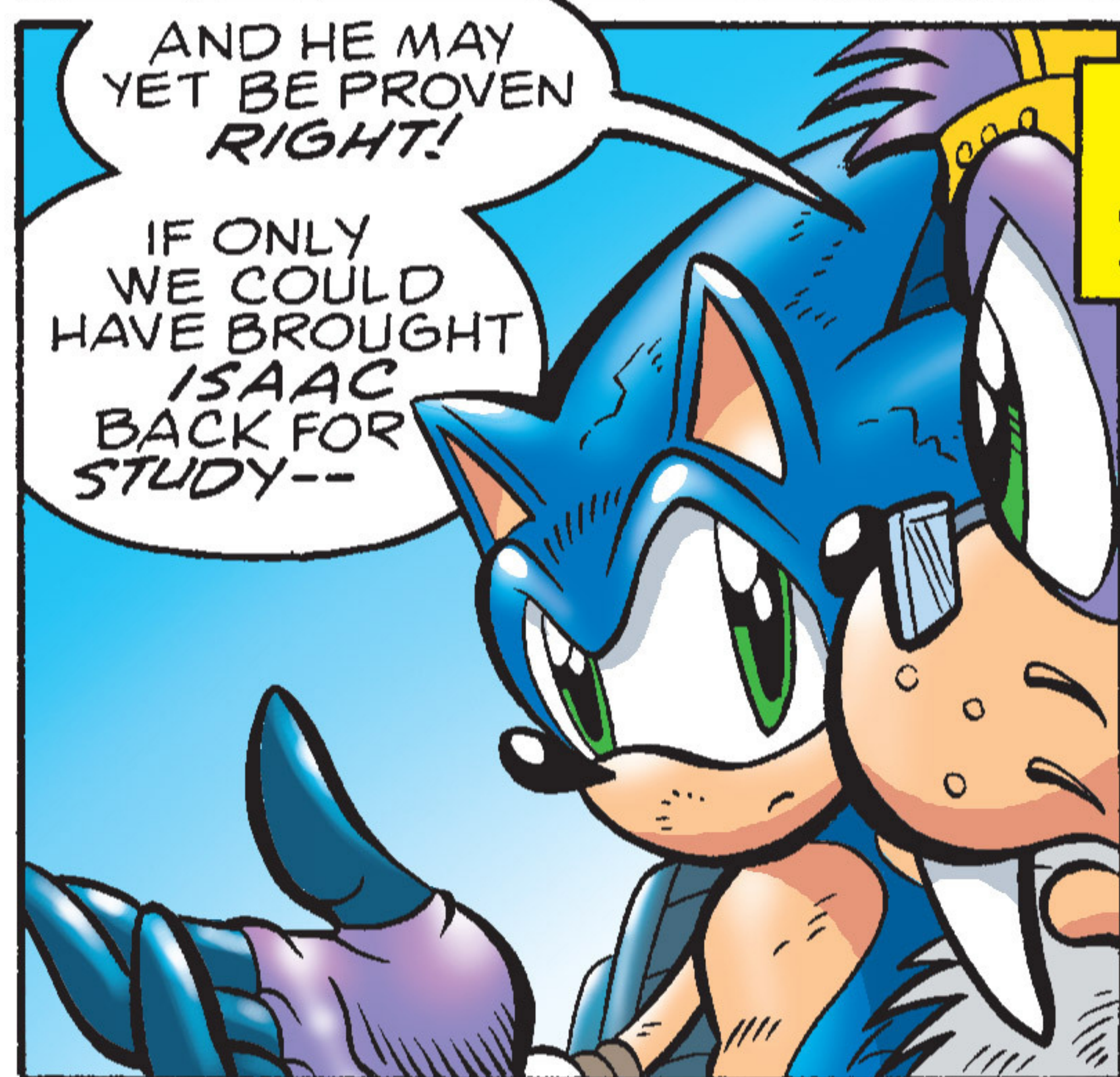
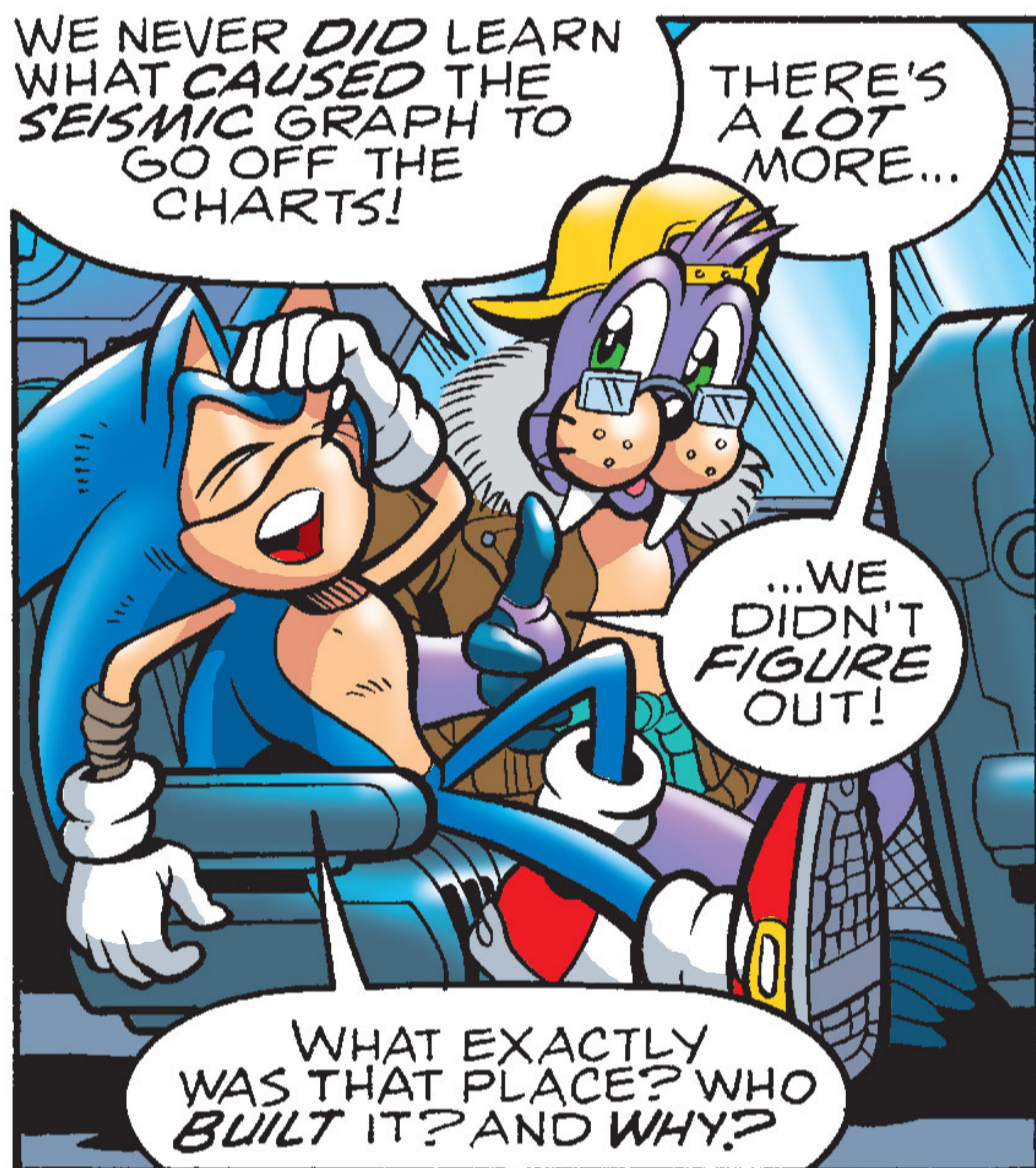
WEREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO FIND US A WAY OUT?

THIS WAY!

I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THIS LEADS TO, BUT--

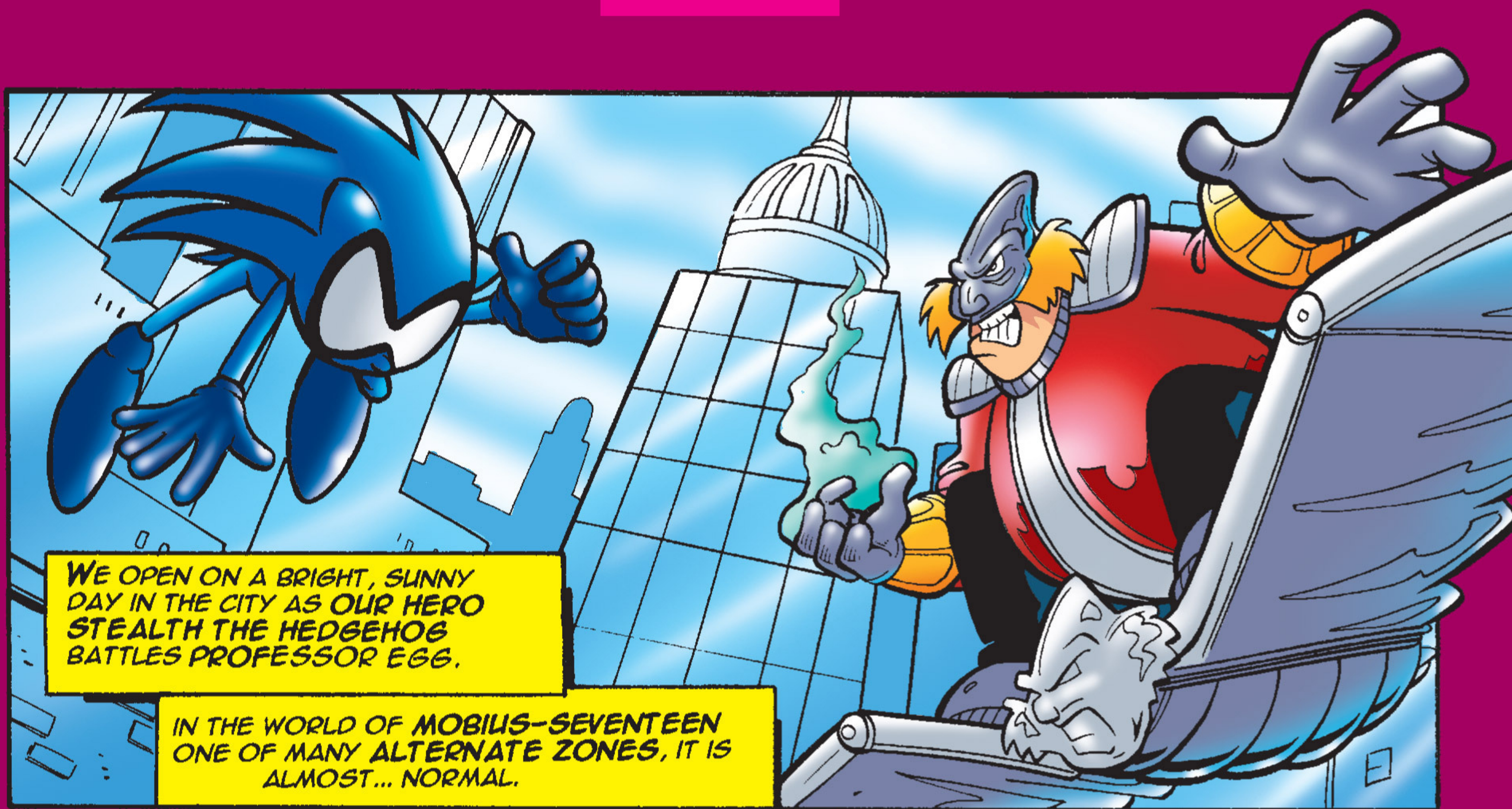
DO THE WORDS "ANY-WHERE BUT HERE" HAVE ANY MEANING?





ON THAT *OMINOUS* NOTE, WE SHIFT GEARS NEXT ISSUE TO CELEBRATE ANOTHER *MILESTONE*, NAMELY SONIC'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY! BE HERE FOR ... "HERO TO ZERO IN NO TIME AT ALL!" AND JUST WAIT'LL YOU SEE WHO SONIC GETS INVOLVED WITH ... HOO BOY!





WE OPEN ON A BRIGHT, SUNNY DAY IN THE CITY AS OUR HERO **STEALTH THE HEDGEHOG** BATTLES PROFESSOR EGG.

IN THE WORLD OF **MOBIUS-SEVENTEEN** ONE OF MANY ALTERNATE ZONES, IT IS ALMOST... NORMAL.



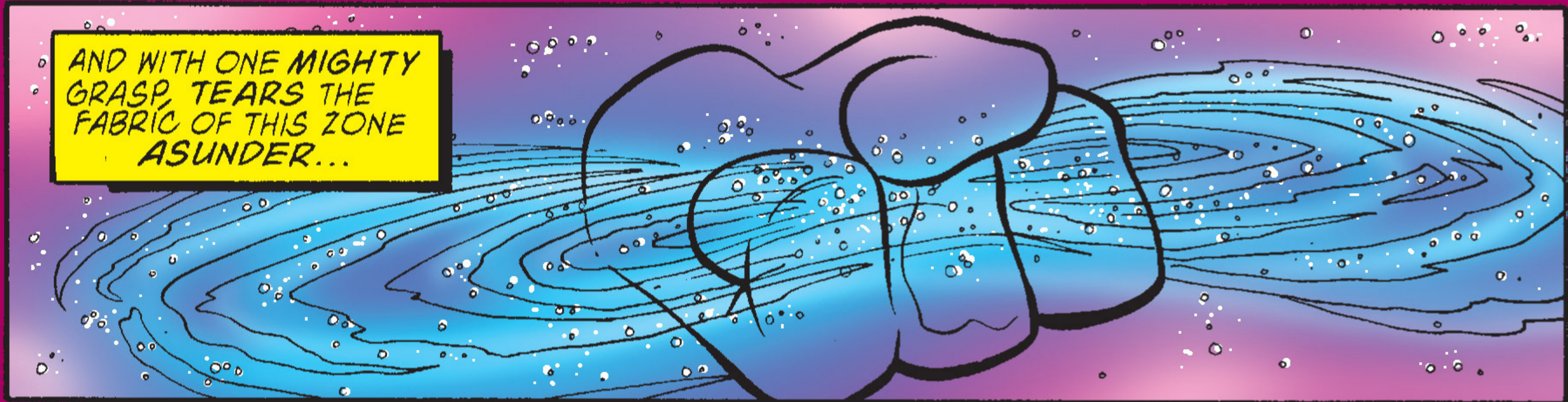
EXCEPT TODAY.



TODAY, A MYSTERIOUS HAND **BLOTS OUT THE SUN ITSELF.**



TODAY, THAT HAND GROWS BEYOND THE ORB OF **MOBIUS-SEVENTEEN**, TO REACH THE VERY **ESSENCE OF THE GALAXY ITSELF.**



AND WITH ONE MIGHTY GRASP, TEARS THE FABRIC OF THIS ZONE **ASUNDER...**



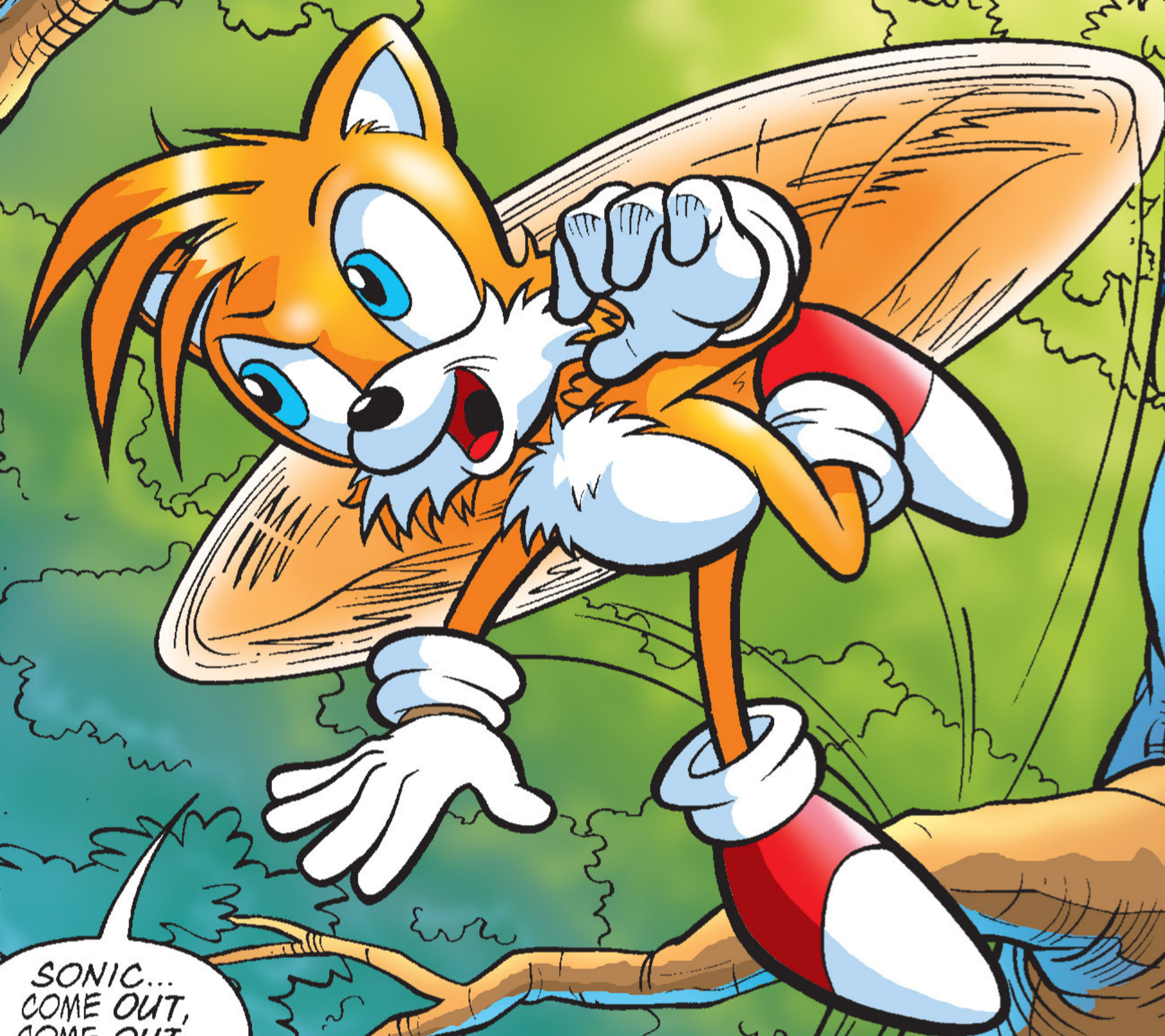
...UNTIL IT IS **NO MORE.**

THE MYSTERIOUS POWER SEES THIS AND THINKS, "IT IS GOOD."

"ANOTHER DOWN, **MILLIONS MORE TO GO.**"

THE CHOSEN ONE PART ONE

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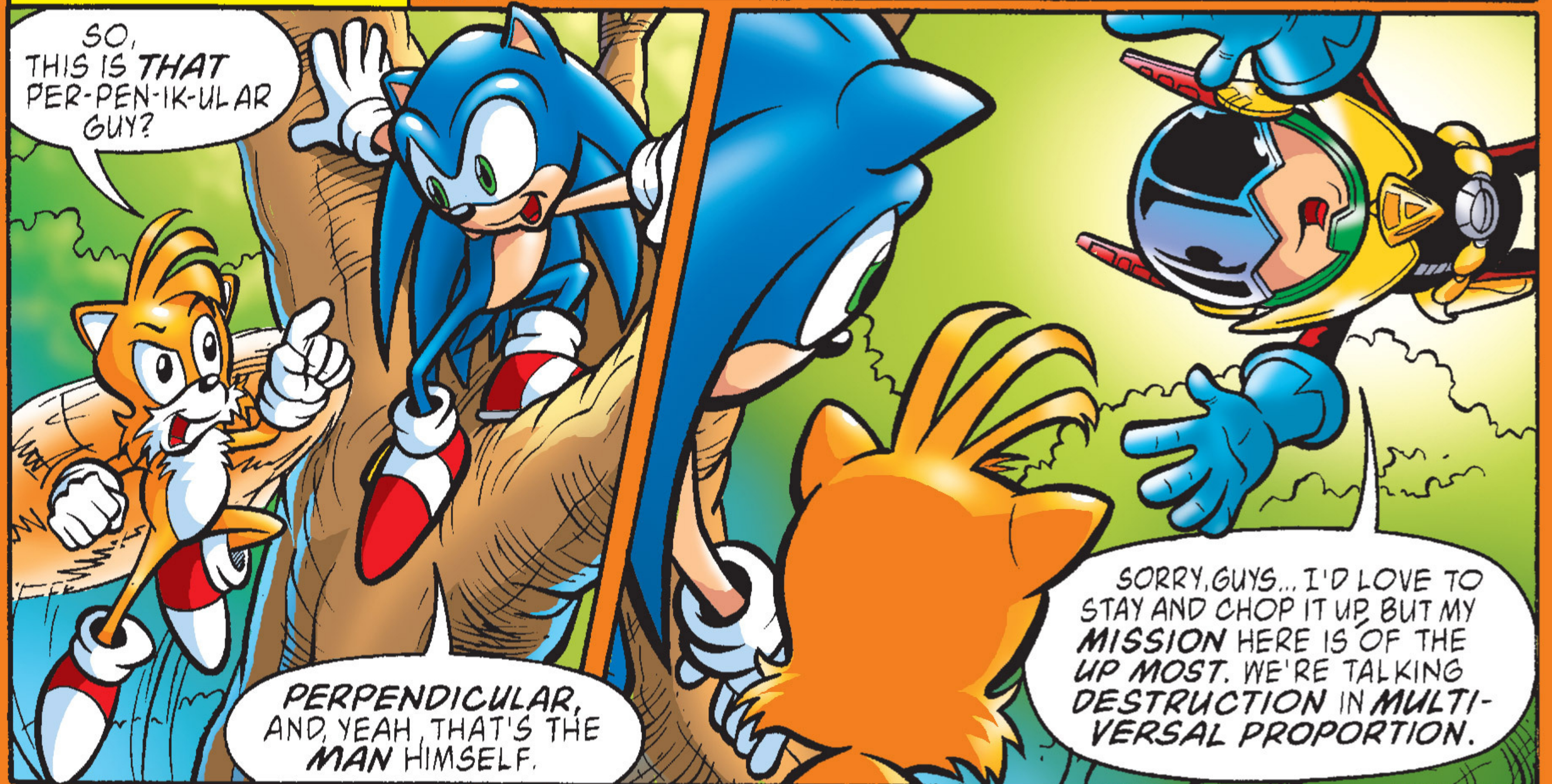
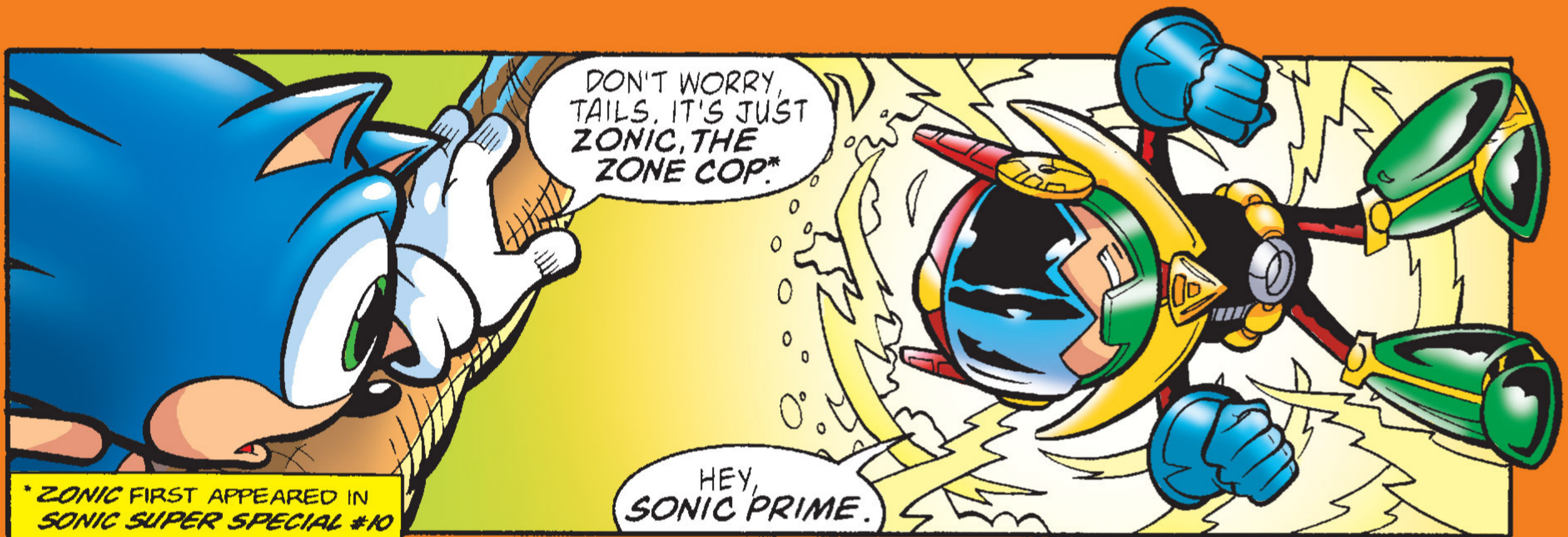


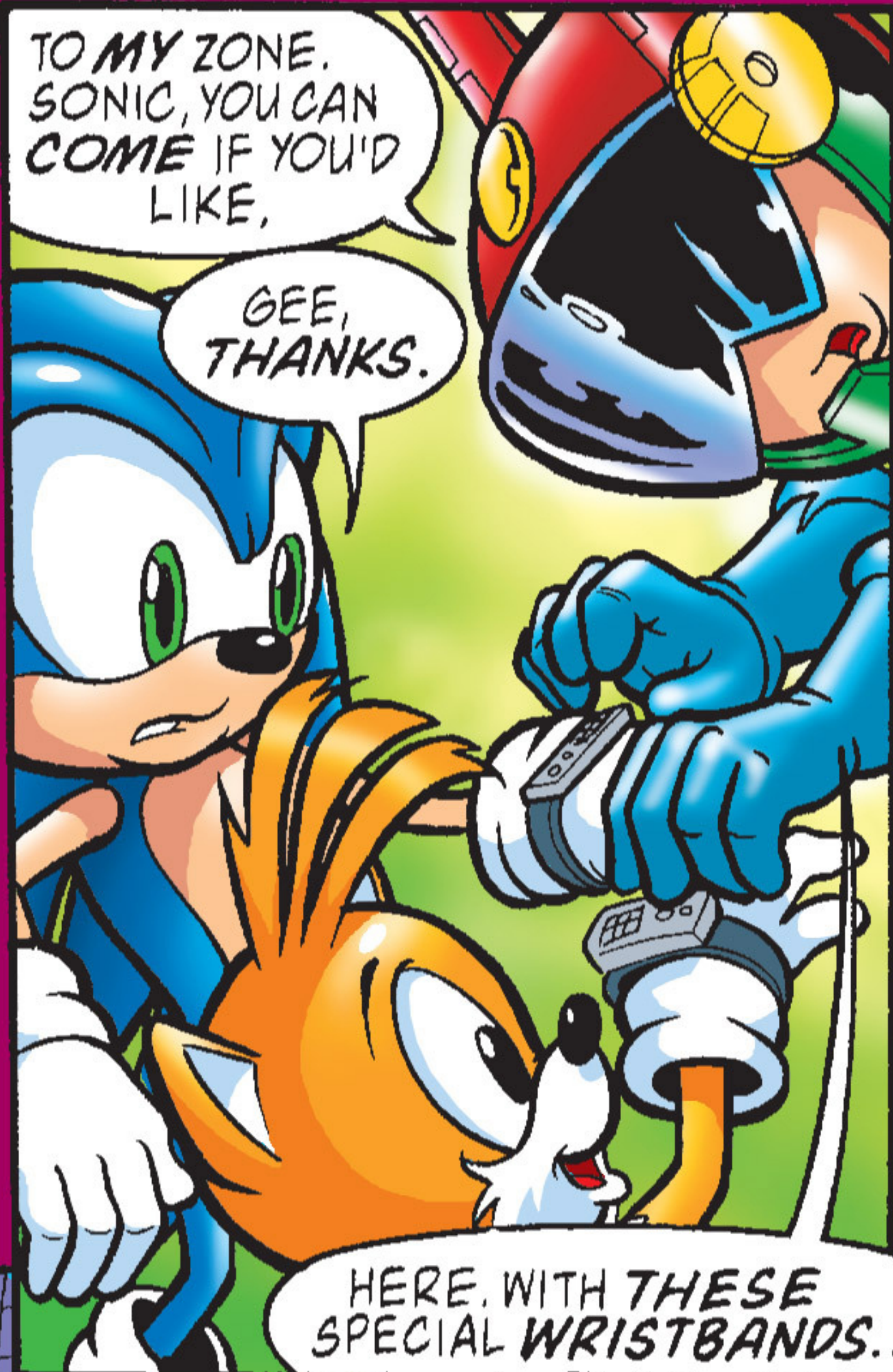
SONIC...
COME OUT,
COME OUT,
WHEREVER
YOU ARE.

WHOA,
WHO TURNED
ON THE
LIGHTS?!

TAILS IS
FLYING RIGHT
BY ME. HE'LL
NEVER FIND ME
UP HERE.

SONIC
WHAT--
WHAT'S GOING
ON...?





TO MY ZONE. SONIC, YOU CAN COME IF YOU'D LIKE,

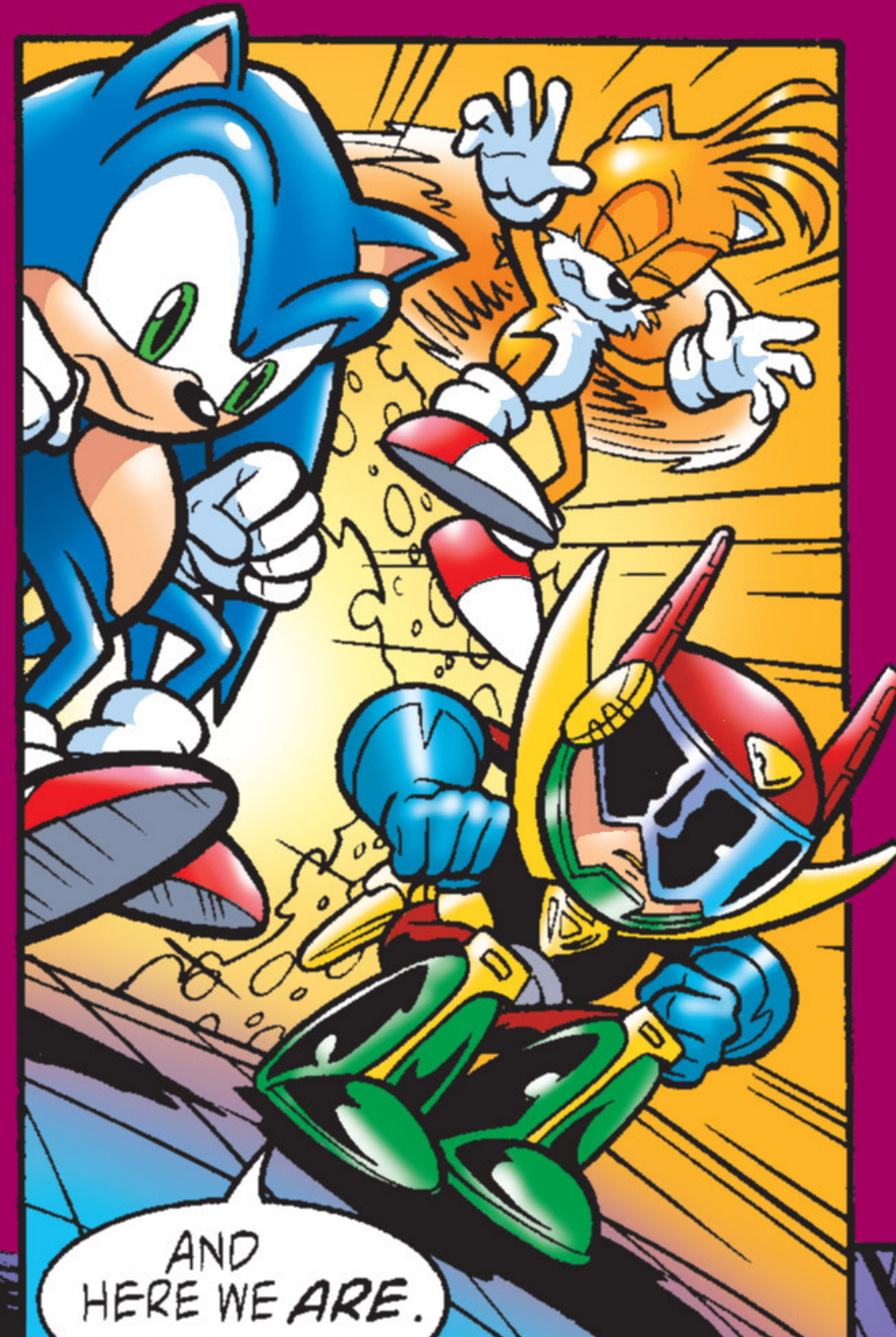
GEE, THANKS.

HERE, WITH THESE SPECIAL WRISTBANDS...

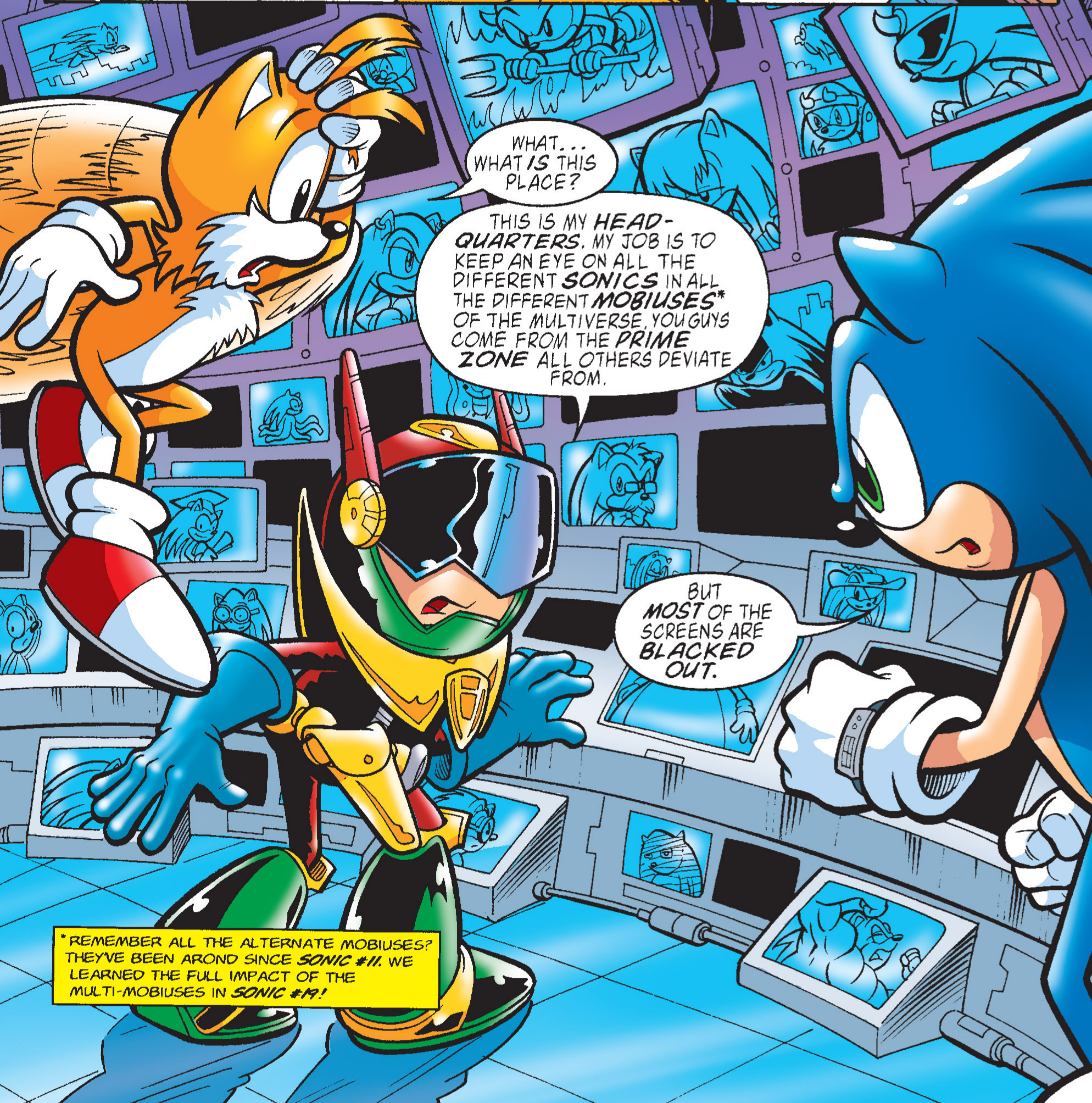


--IT WILL KEEP YOU PERPENDICULAR IN THE PERPENDICULAR ZONE. NOW, HANG ON!

WHOA!!



AND HERE WE ARE.

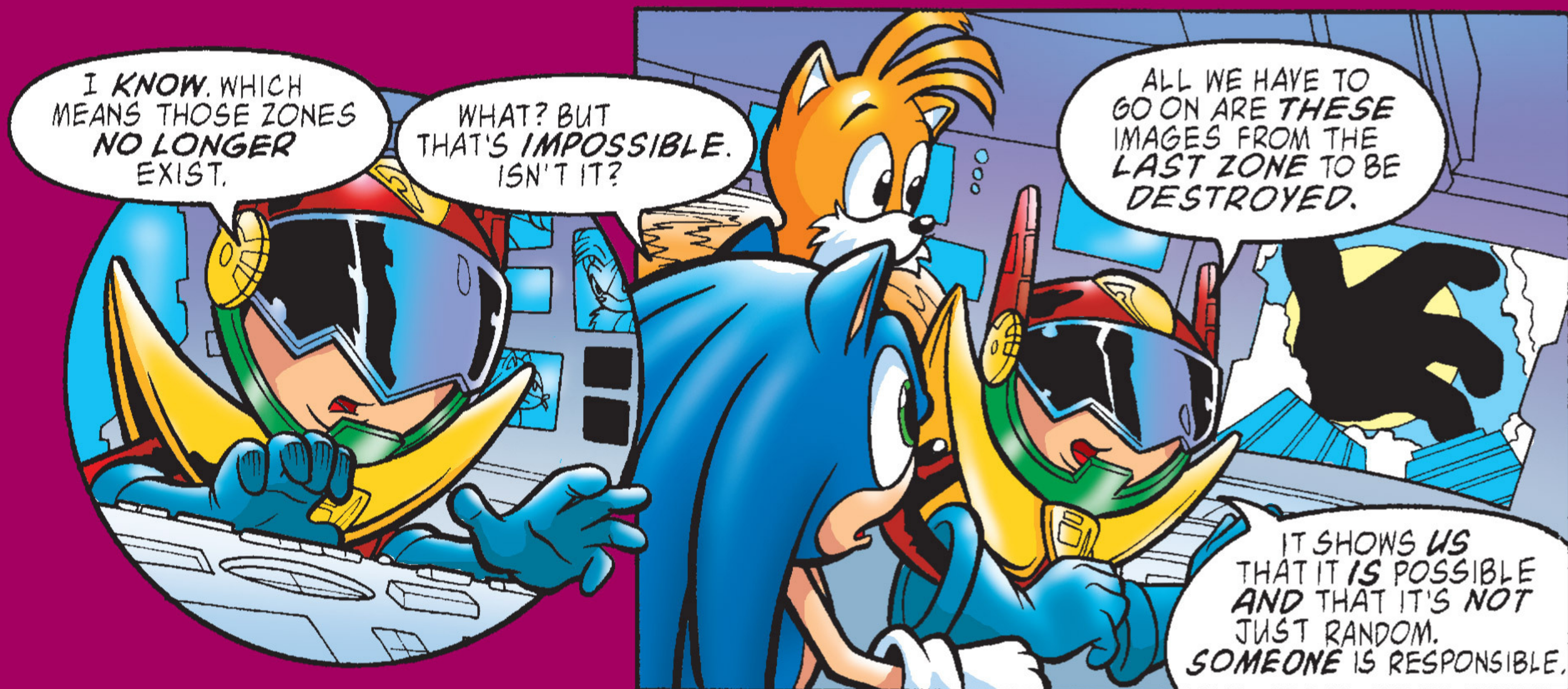


WHAT... WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

THIS IS MY HEAD-QUARTERS. MY JOB IS TO KEEP AN EYE ON ALL THE DIFFERENT **SONICS** IN ALL THE DIFFERENT **MOBIUSES*** OF THE MULTIVERSE. YOU GUYS COME FROM THE **PRIME ZONE** ALL OTHERS DEViate FROM.

BUT MOST OF THE SCREENS ARE BLACKED OUT.

*REMEMBER ALL THE ALTERNATE MOBIUSES? THEY'VE BEEN AROUND SINCE **SONIC #11**. WE LEARNED THE FULL IMPACT OF THE MULTI-MOBIUSES IN **SONIC #19**!



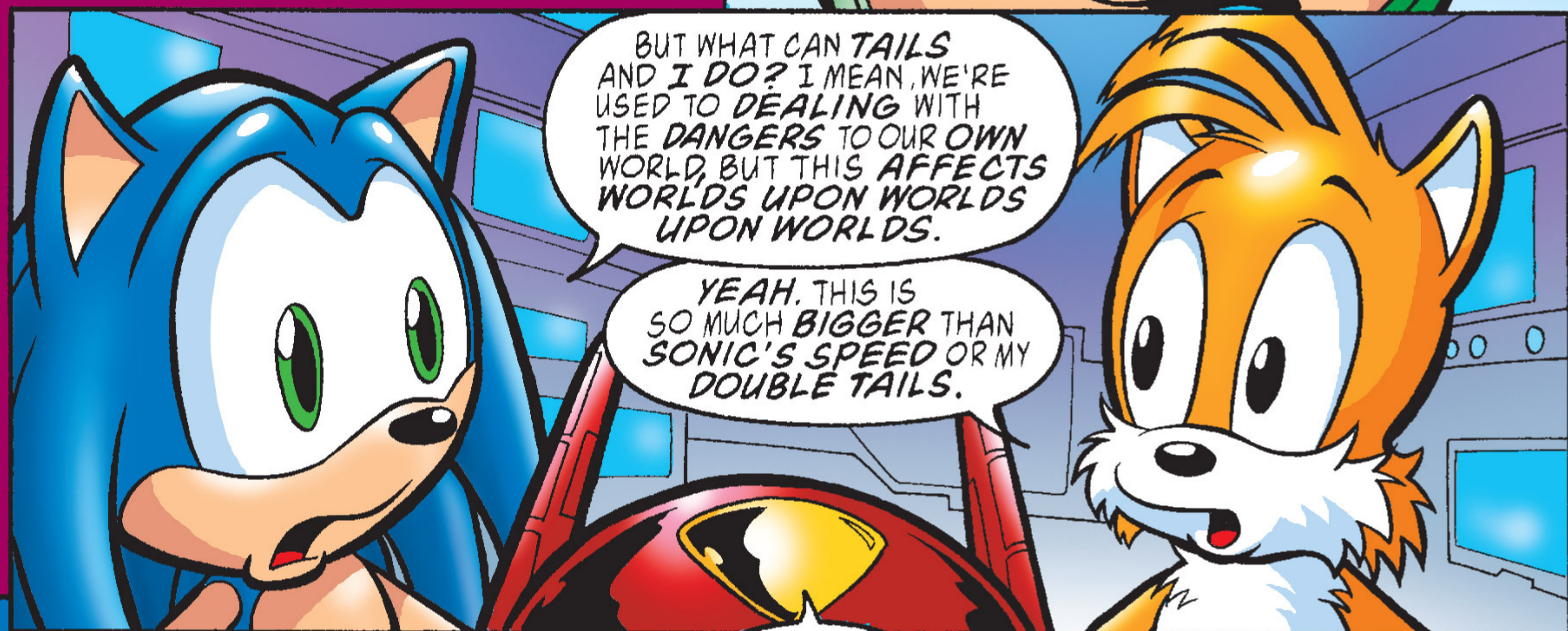
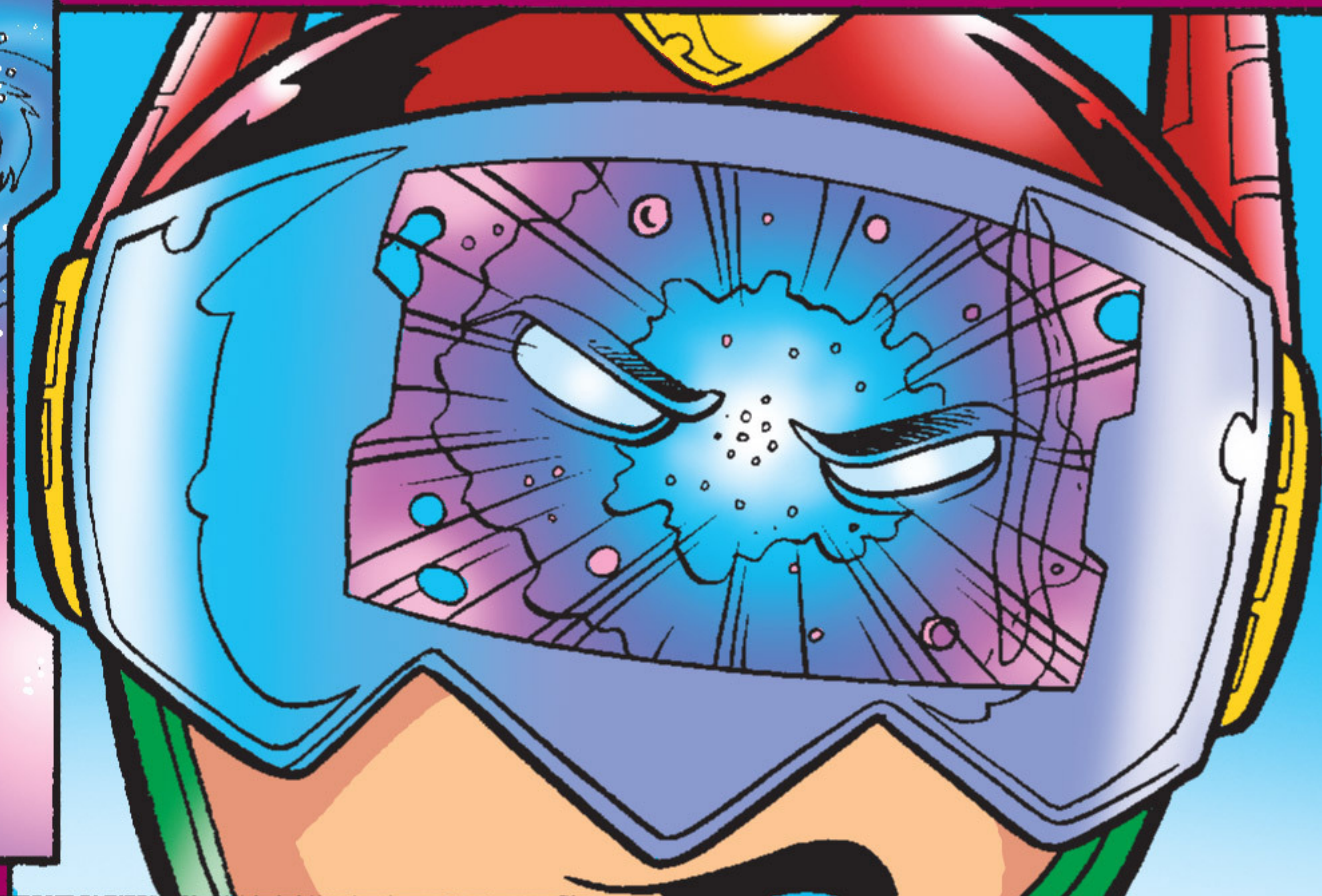
I KNOW. WHICH MEANS THOSE ZONES NO LONGER EXIST.

WHAT? BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. ISN'T IT?

ALL WE HAVE TO GO ON ARE **THESE** IMAGES FROM THE LAST ZONE TO BE DESTROYED.

IT SHOWS US THAT IT IS POSSIBLE AND THAT IT'S NOT JUST RANDOM. SOMEONE IS RESPONSIBLE.

"SOMEONE WHO HAS THE **POWER** TO LITERALLY **BREAK** A ZONE WITH ITS OWN **BARE HANDS**. SO FAR, **MILLIONS** OF MULTI-VERSE ZONES HAVE BEEN **DESTROYED** BY THIS THING."



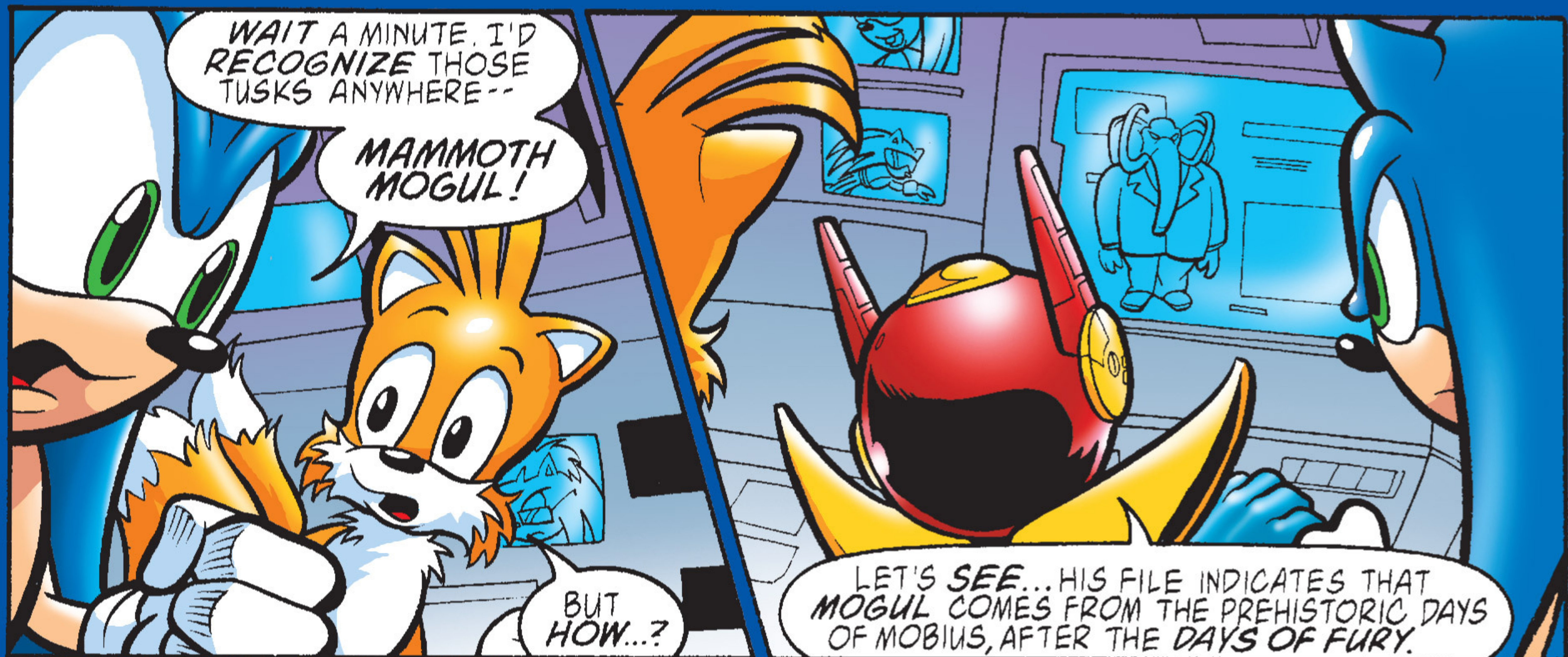
BUT WHAT CAN TAILS AND I DO? I MEAN, WE'RE USED TO DEALING WITH THE **DANGERS** TO OUR OWN WORLD, BUT THIS AFFECTS **WORLDS UPON WORLDS UPON WORLDS**.

YEAH. THIS IS SO MUCH **BIGGER** THAN SONIC'S SPEED OR MY **DOUBLE TAILS**.

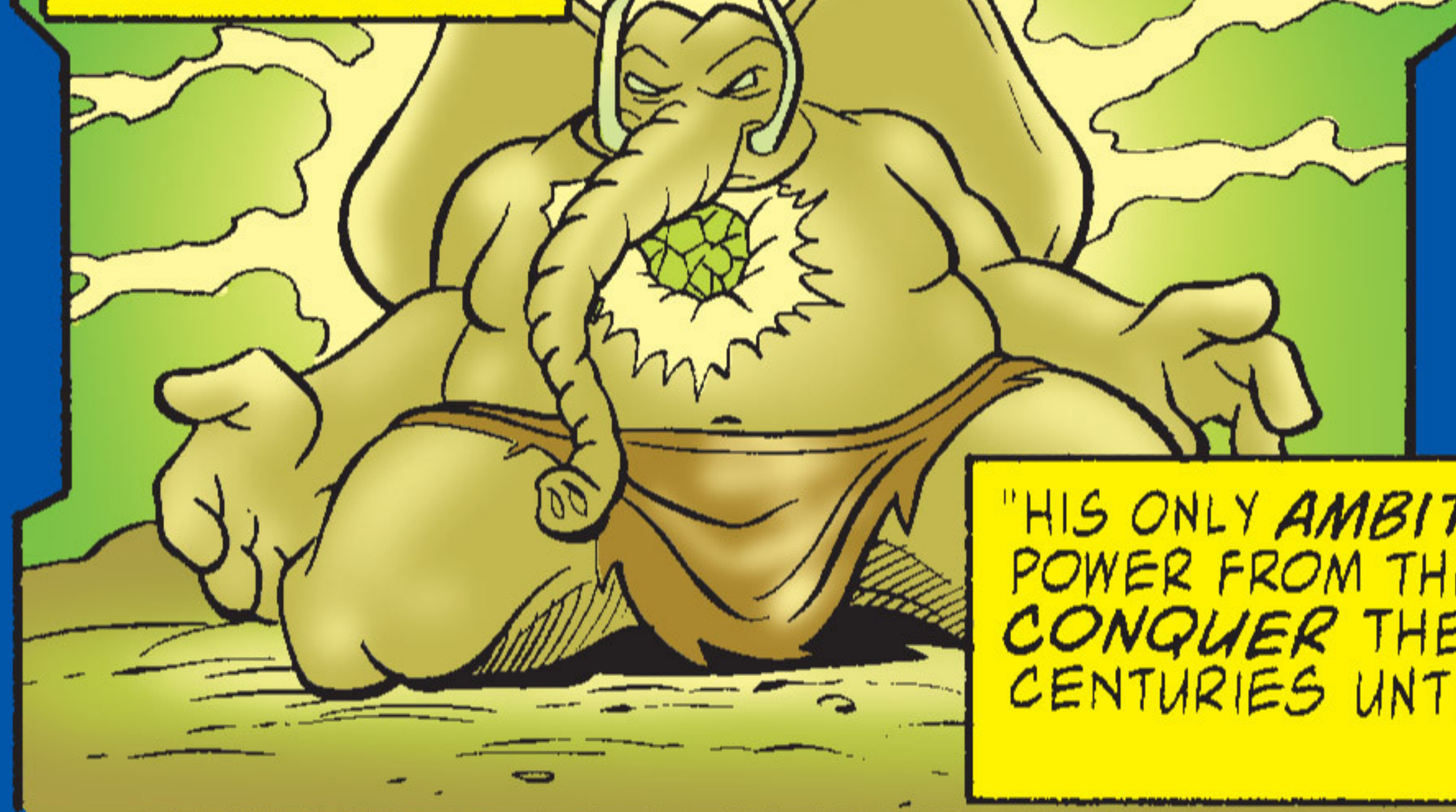
MAYBE. MAYBE **NOT**.

WHO **HAS** THE POWER TO DO ALL **THIS**?

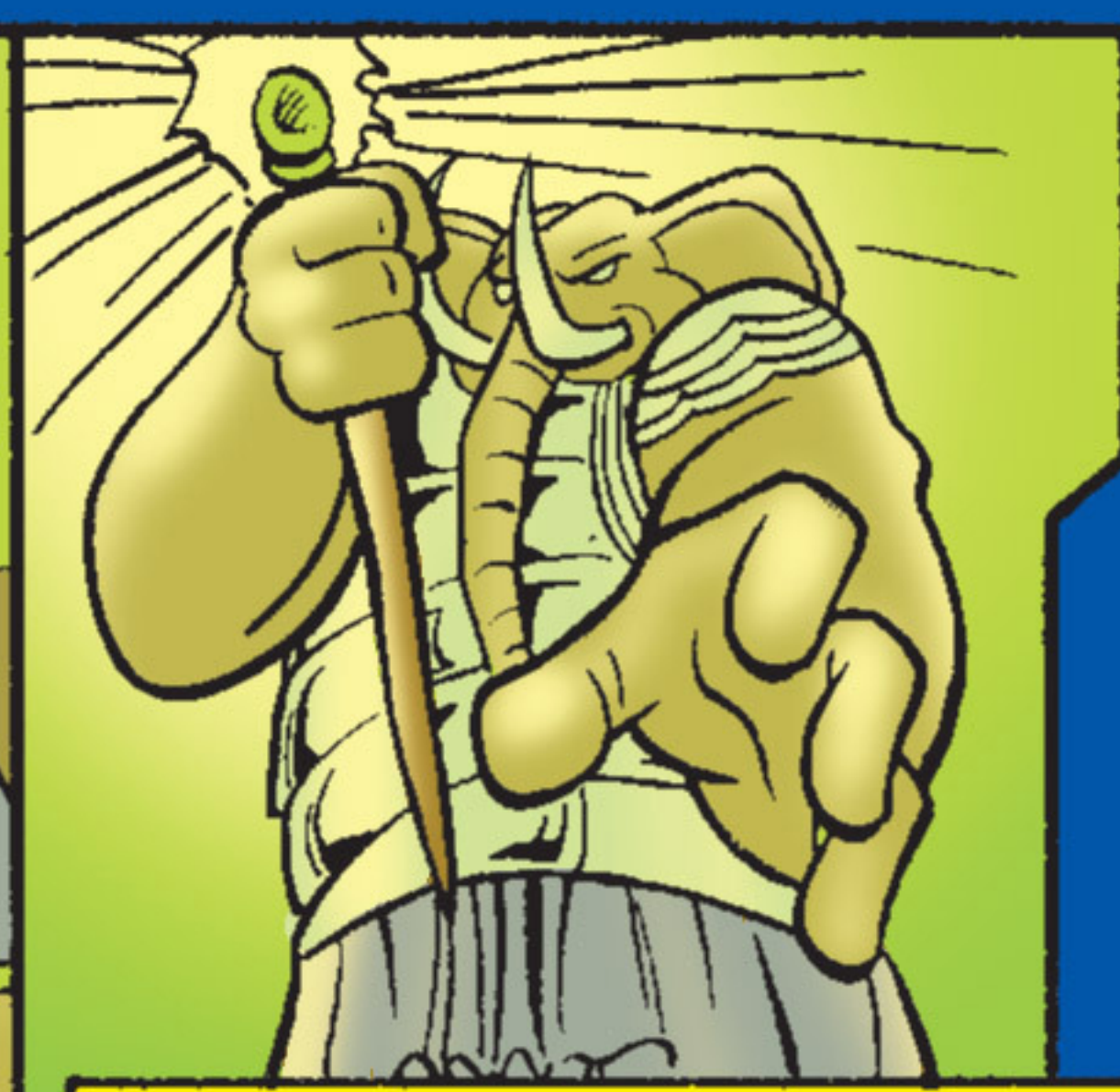
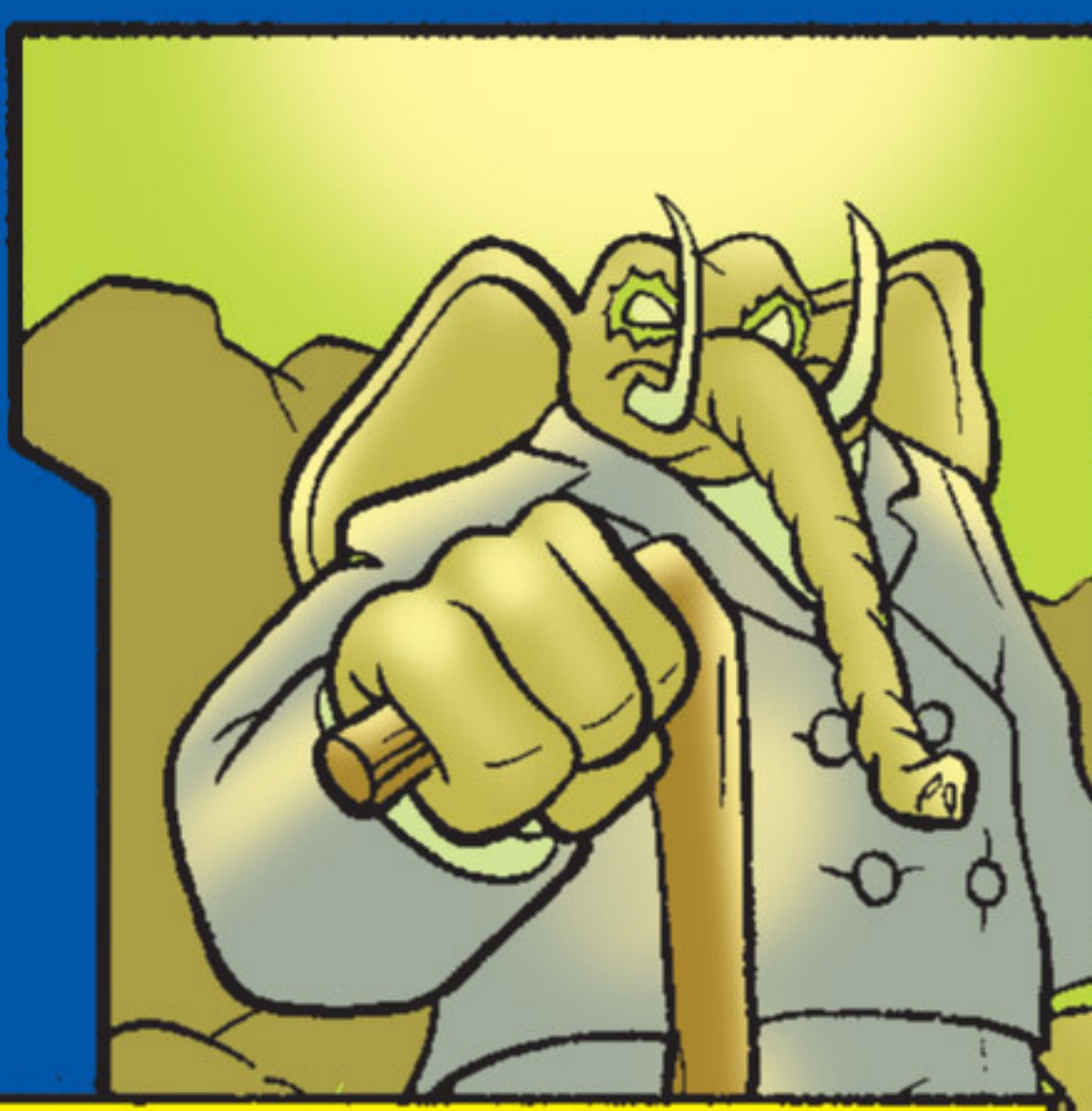
LET ME SHOW YOU AND SEE IF YOU CAN **FIGURE** IT OUT FOR YOURSELF. THEN, I **THINK** YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHY I'M HERE FOR **TAILS PRIME**.



"AT SOME POINT HE HAD A CHAOS EMERALD EMBEDDED IN HIS CHEST WHICH GAVE HIM LONG LIFE."



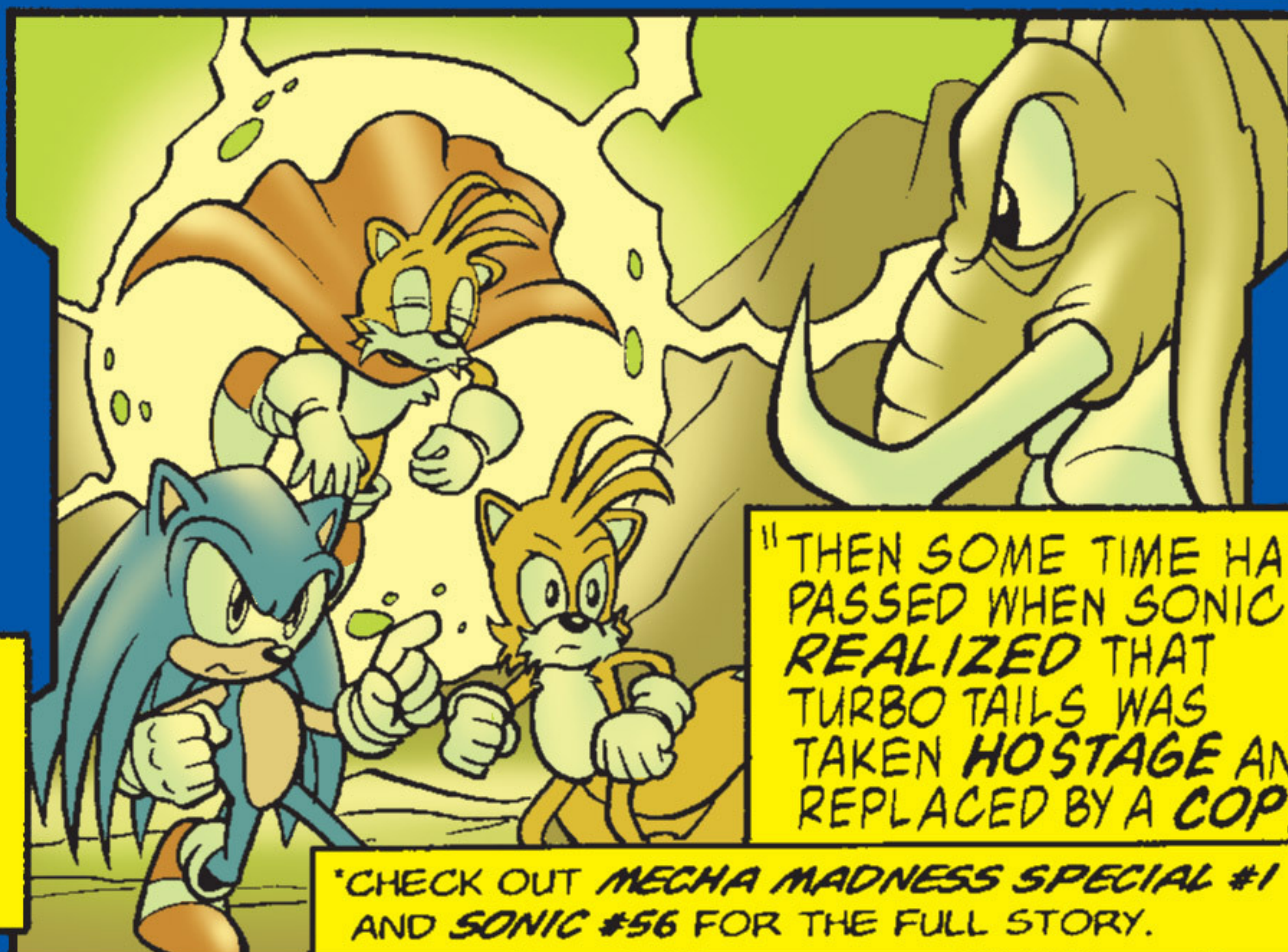
"HIS ONLY AMBITION: TO ABSORB MORE POWER FROM THE EMERALD AND USE IT TO CONQUER THE WORLD. HE WAITED FOR CENTURIES UNTIL THE PERFECT TIME CAME."



"AND THAT TIME DID COME WHEN HE TOOK A DISTRACTED ENERTJAK'S POWERS AND BECAME MASTER MOGUL."

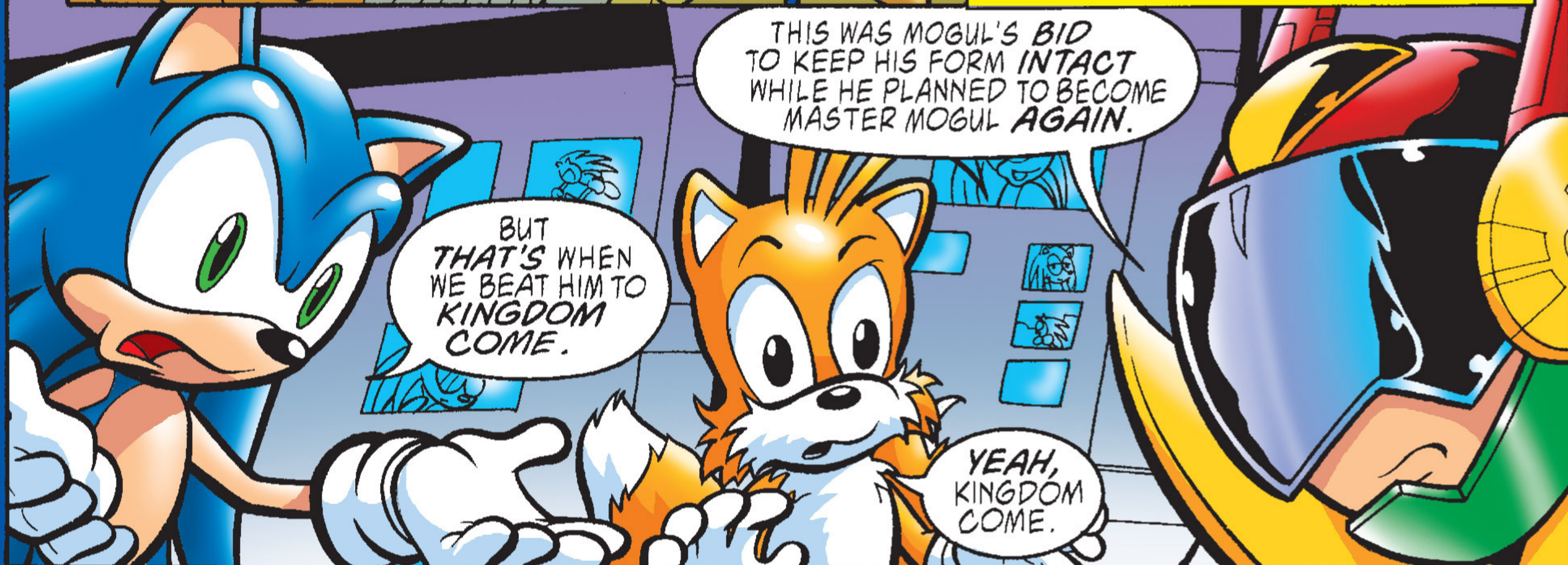


"IT WAS AT THIS TIME THAT HE WAS DEFEATED BY TAILS IN HIS SUPER-POWERED PERSONA AS TURBO TAILS. MOGUL'S BODY BECAME FORMLESS, TRAPPED IN THE MASTER EMERALD, UNTIL IT WAS LATER SHATTERED."



"THEN SOME TIME HAD PASSED WHEN SONIC REALIZED THAT TURBO TAILS WAS TAKEN HOSTAGE AND REPLACED BY A COPY."

*CHECK OUT MECHA MADNESS SPECIAL #1 AND SONIC #56 FOR THE FULL STORY.



THIS WAS MOGUL'S BID TO KEEP HIS FORM INTACT WHILE HE PLANNED TO BECOME MASTER MOGUL AGAIN.

BUT THAT'S WHEN WE BEAT HIM TO KINGDOM COME.

YEAH, KINGDOM COME.

"NO. SEEMS TURBO TAILS WAS HELD LONG ENOUGH TO GIVE HIM SUFFICIENT POWER TO MAKE HIS MOVE AGAINST THE MOST POWERFUL CHAOS ENTITY IN YOUR ZONE AT THE TIME."

"KNUCKLES!"

"HE WAS, AT THE TIME, A LIVING CHAOS EMERALD. MOGUL HAD THE FORMER ENERTAK HOSTAGE. BEING A RELATIVE OF KNUCKLES, HE WAS THE PERFECT BAIT."

"MOGUL WAS ABLE TO TRICK KNUCKLES INTO UNLEASHING THE TOTALITY OF HIS POWER. IT WAS AT THIS MOMENT THAT POWER WAS ABSORBED BY MOGUL'S EMBEDDED EMERALD."

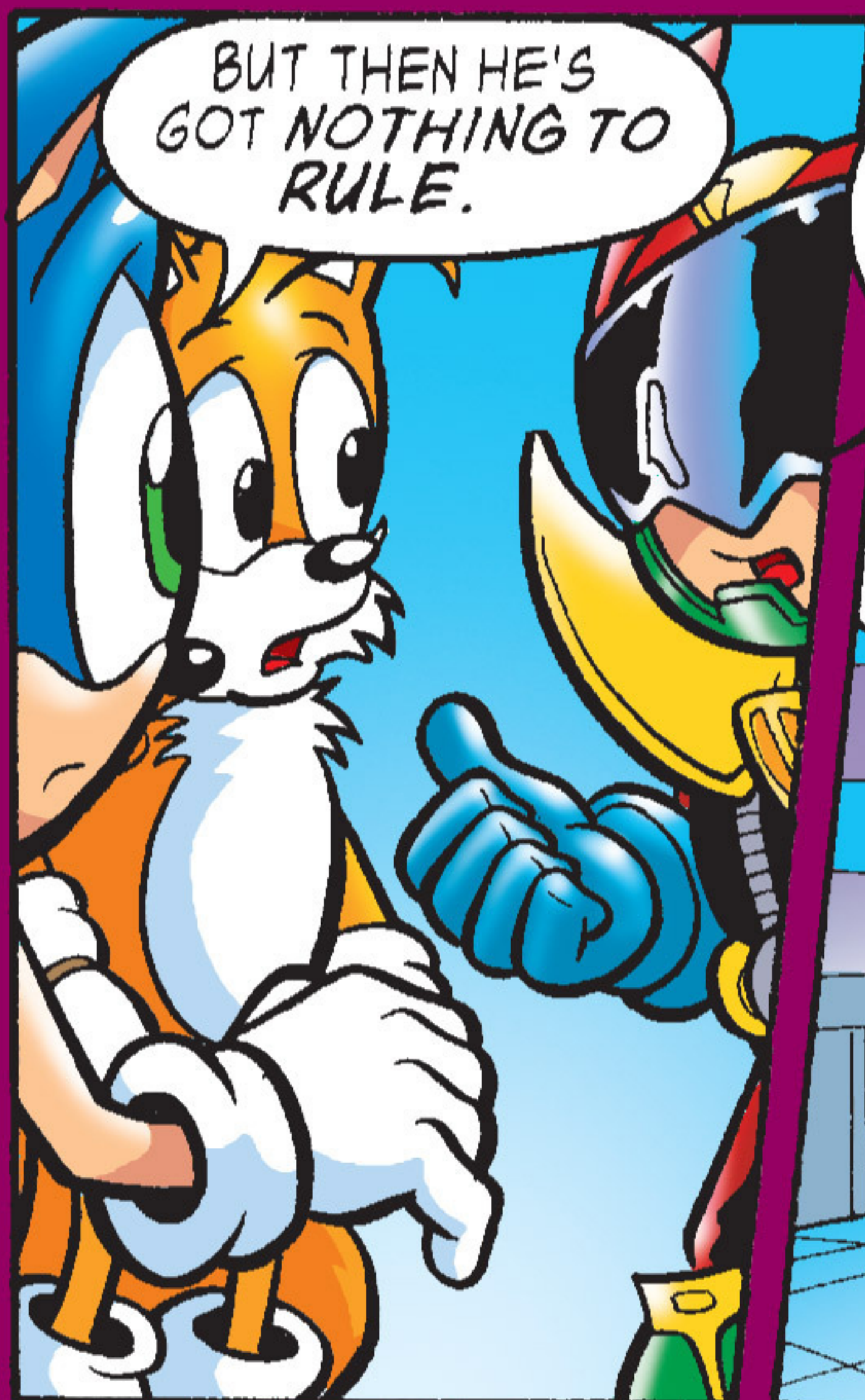
*SONIC #117 THROUGH #118.

THE EXPLOSION KILLED KNUCKLES.* IF HE HAD STAYED IN THE AFTERLIFE AND BECOME ONE WITH THE CHAOS FORCE, IT WOULD'VE REMAINED IN BALANCE. BUT WHEN KNUCKLES DECIDED TO RETURN TO HELP MOBIUS IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST THE ZORDA, KNUCKLES WAS POWERLESS.

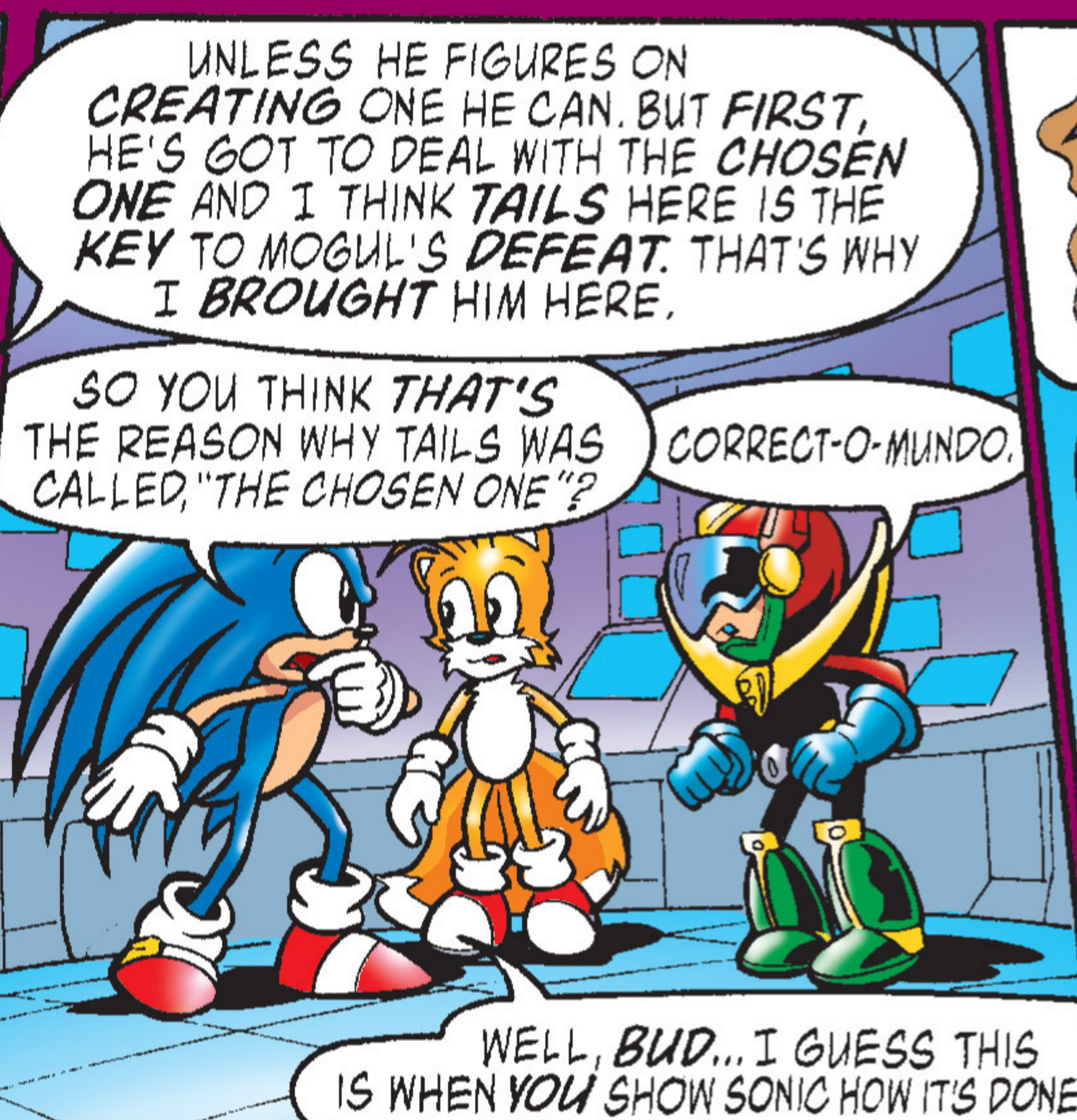
MOGUL, WHO WAS ALSO ONE WITH THE CHAOS FORCE, USED THIS TO HIS ADVANTAGE. ITS UNBALANCE GAVE MOGUL THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ITS POWER COMPLETELY.

HE'LL USE IT TO DESTROY EVERY ZONE IN EXISTENCE.

*KNUCKLES RETURNED IN THE EPIC SONIC #125!



BUT THEN HE'S GOT NOTHING TO RULE.



UNLESS HE FIGURES ON CREATING ONE HE CAN. BUT FIRST, HE'S GOT TO DEAL WITH THE CHOSEN ONE AND I THINK TAILS HERE IS THE KEY TO MOGUL'S DEFEAT. THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT HIM HERE.

SO YOU THINK THAT'S THE REASON WHY TAILS WAS CALLED, "THE CHOSEN ONE"?

CORRECT-O-MUNDO.

WELL, BUD... I GUESS THIS IS WHEN YOU SHOW SONIC HOW IT'S DONE.

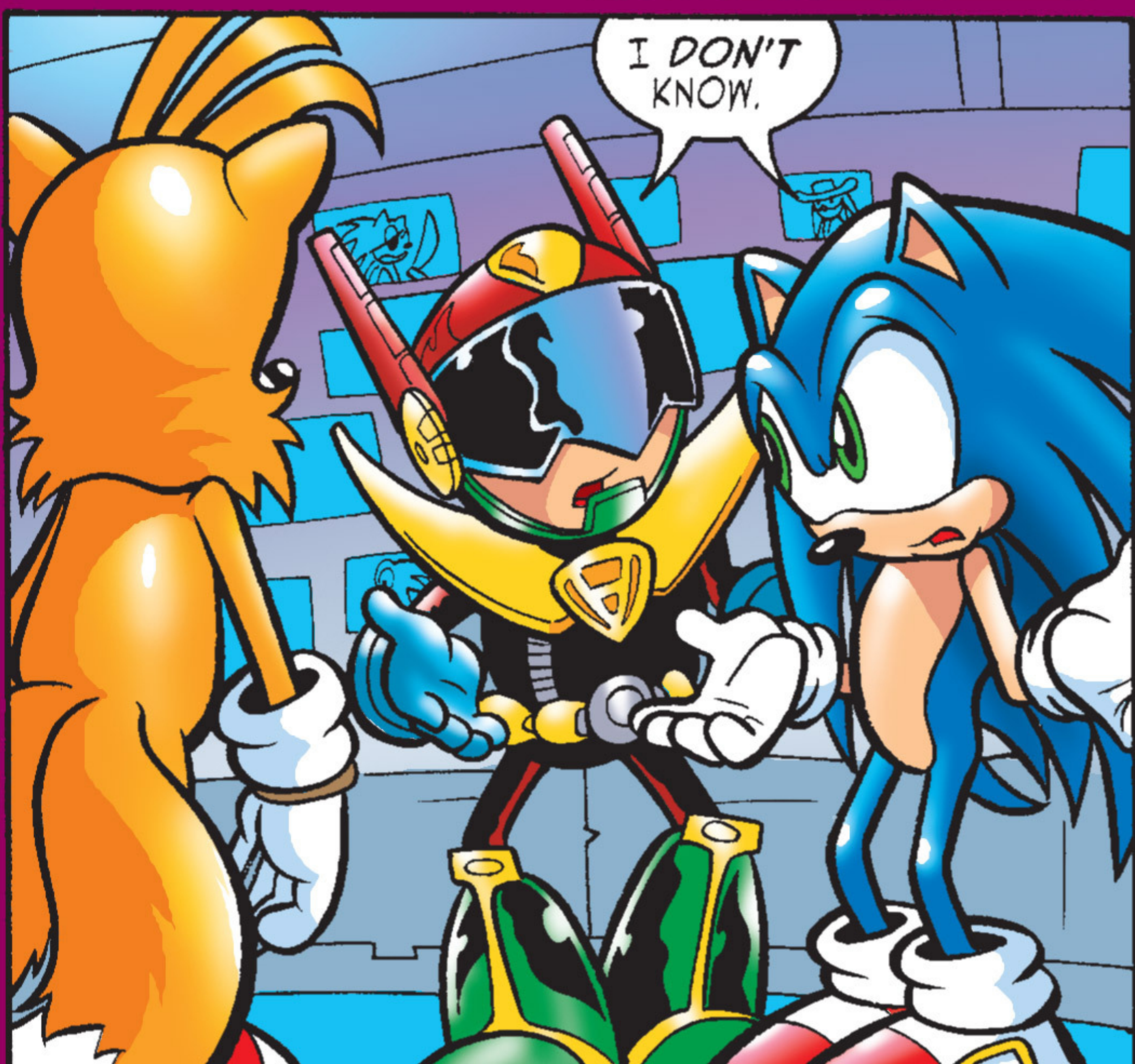


I REMEMBER THAT* ATHAIR AND THE ANCIENT WALKERS CALLED ME THAT ONCE.

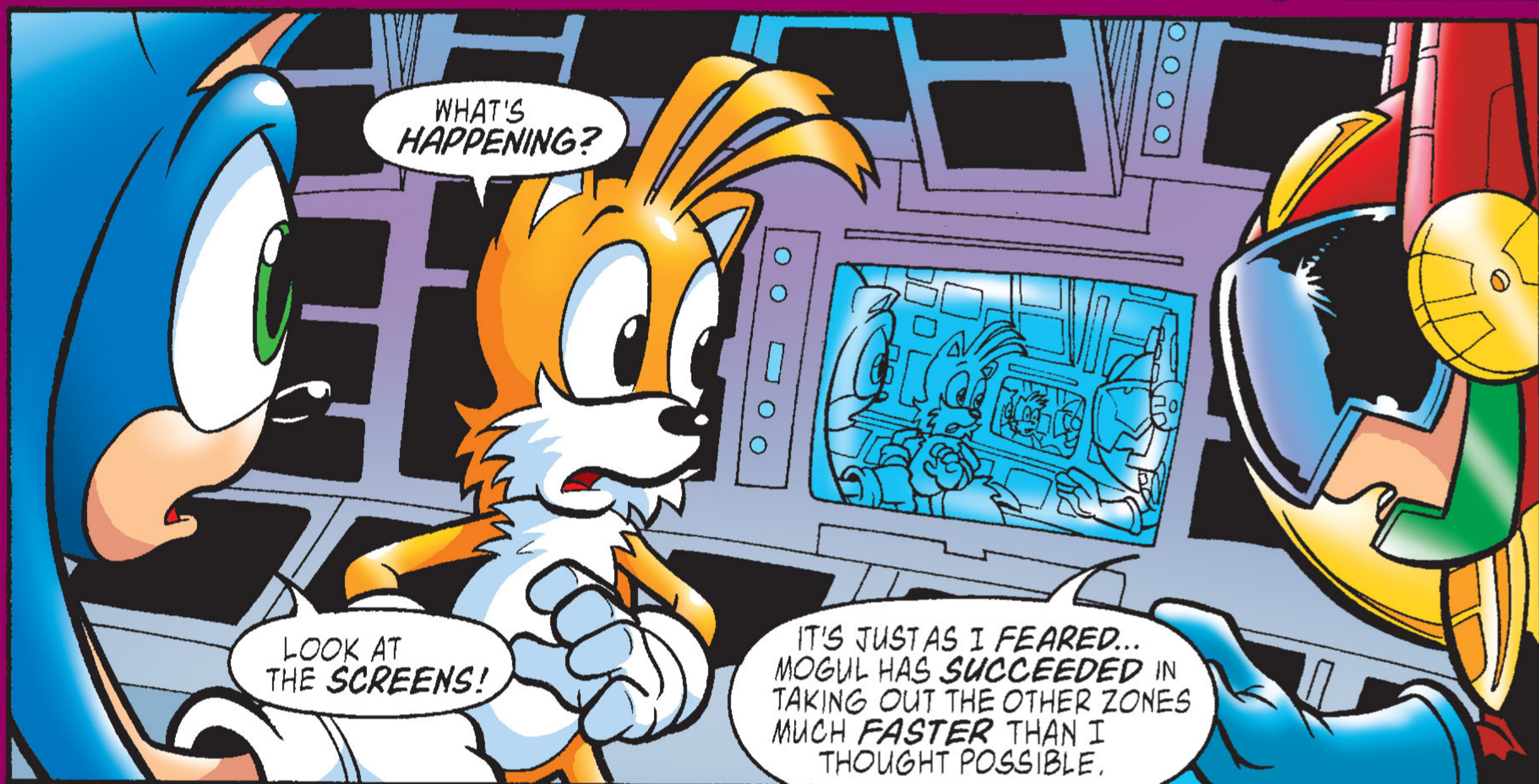


...BUT HOW DO YOU EXPECT **PUNY LITTLE ME** TO FIGHT MOGUL LIKE THAT? I CAN'T DO IT. I JUST CAN'T!! I MEAN, WHAT MAKES **ME** THE CHOSEN ONE? WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?

*AS SEEN IN TAILS #2!



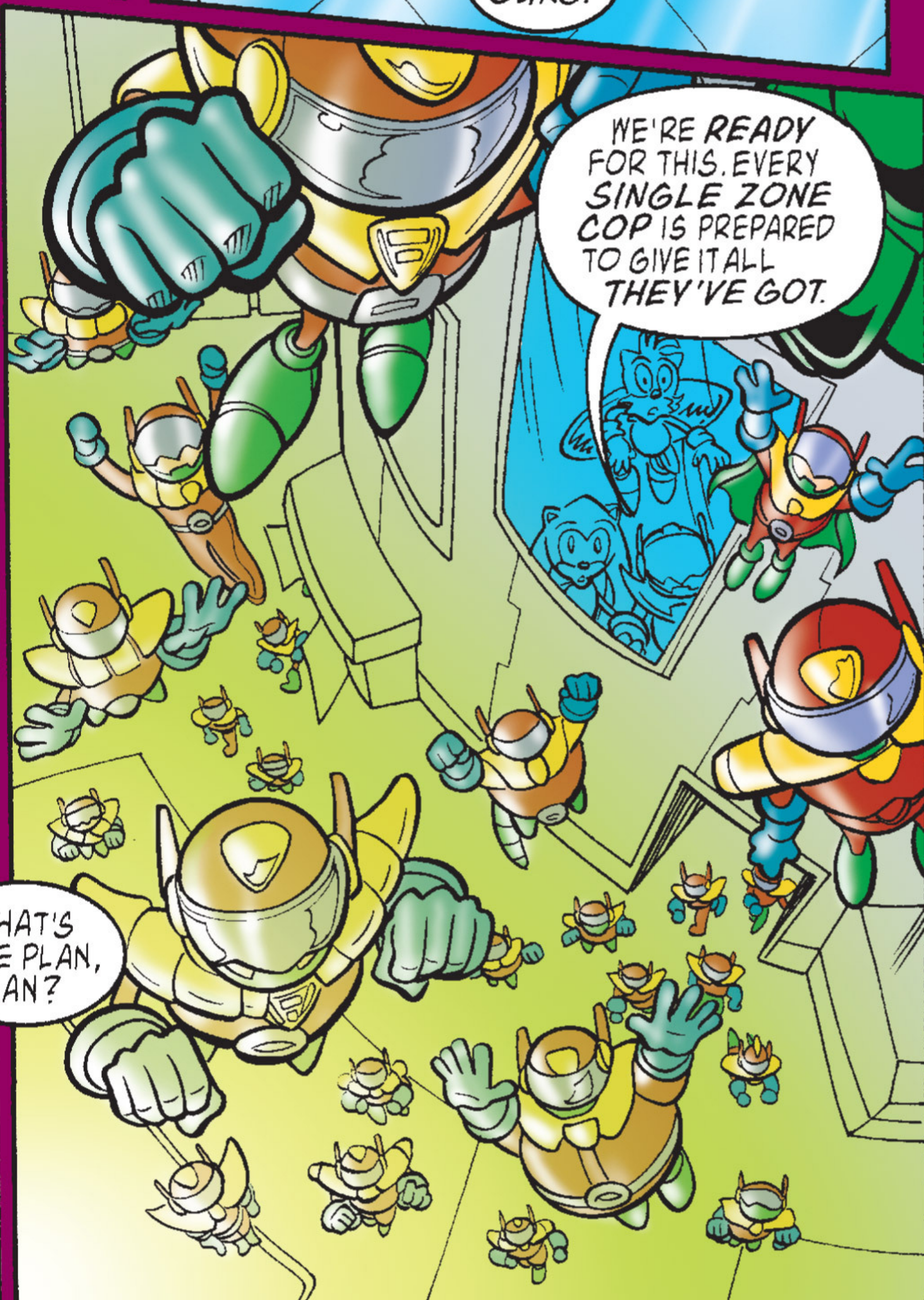
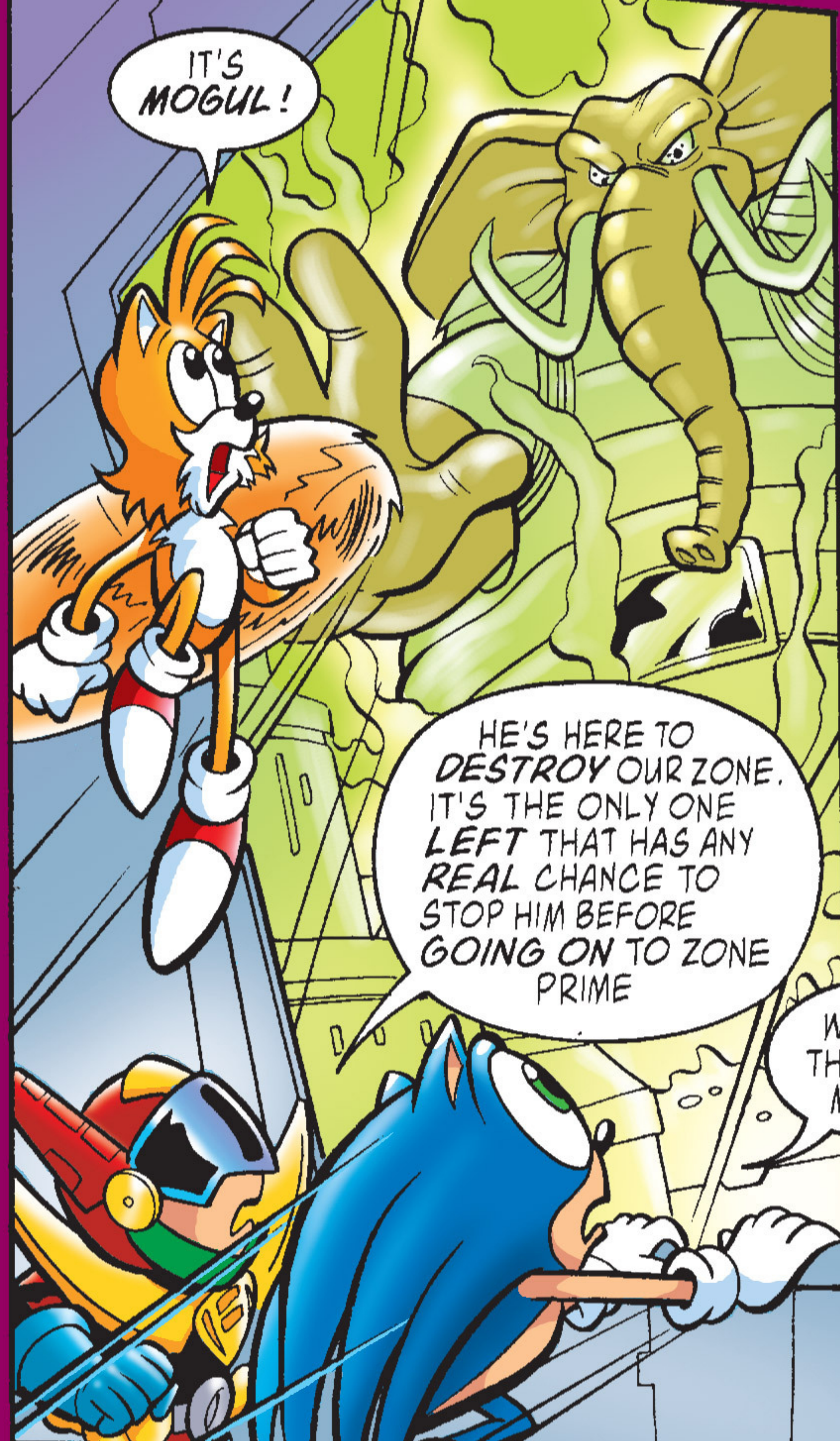
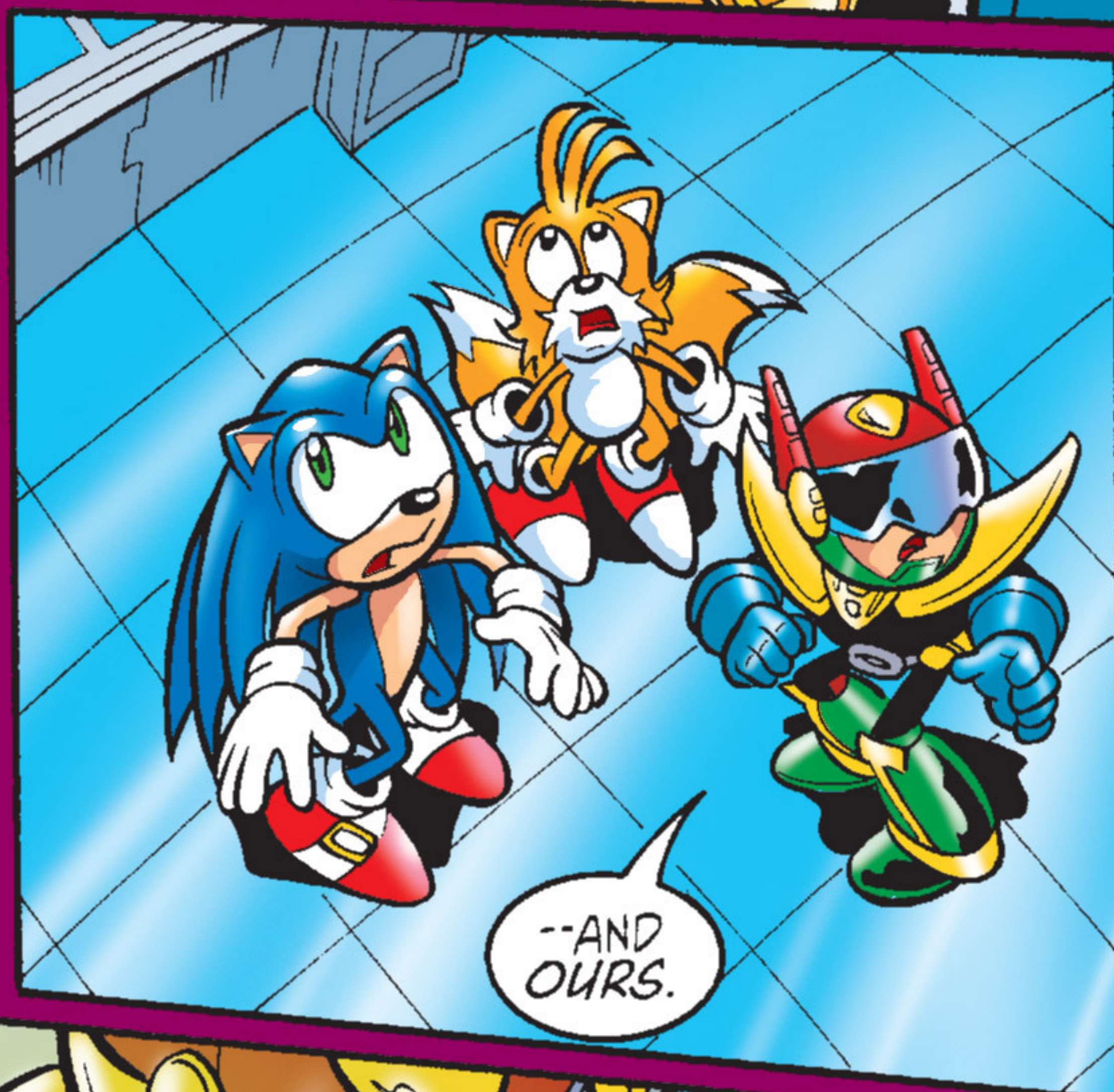
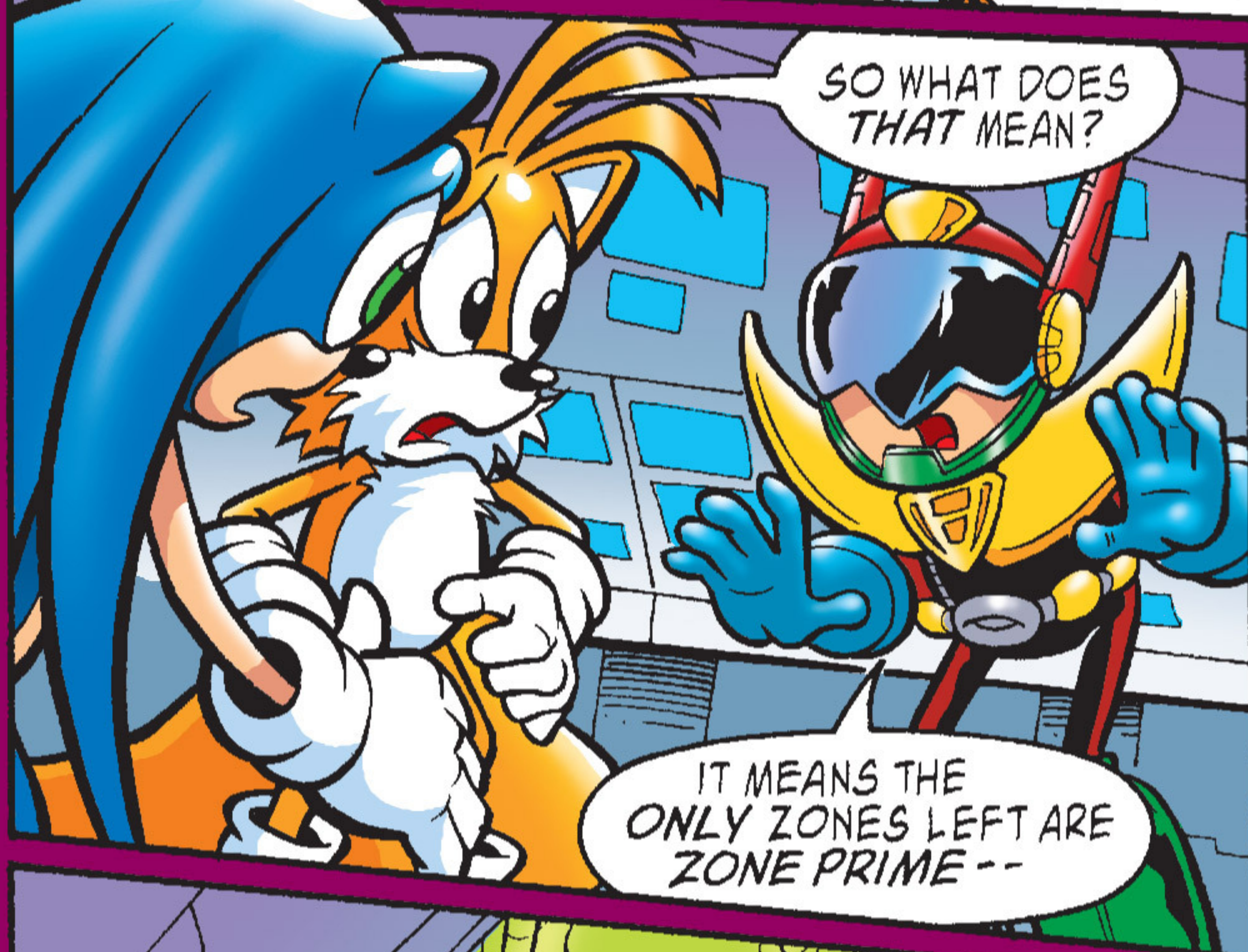
I DON'T KNOW.

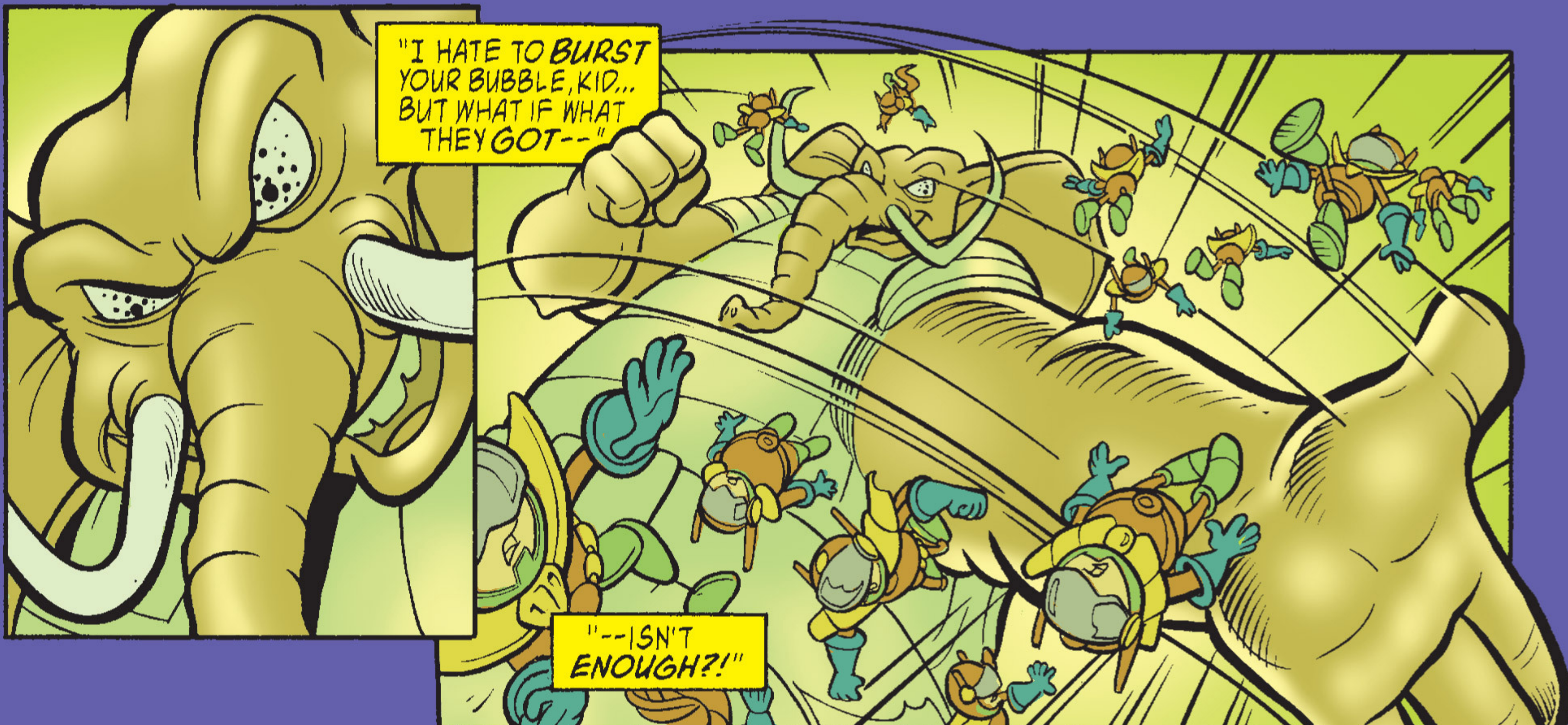


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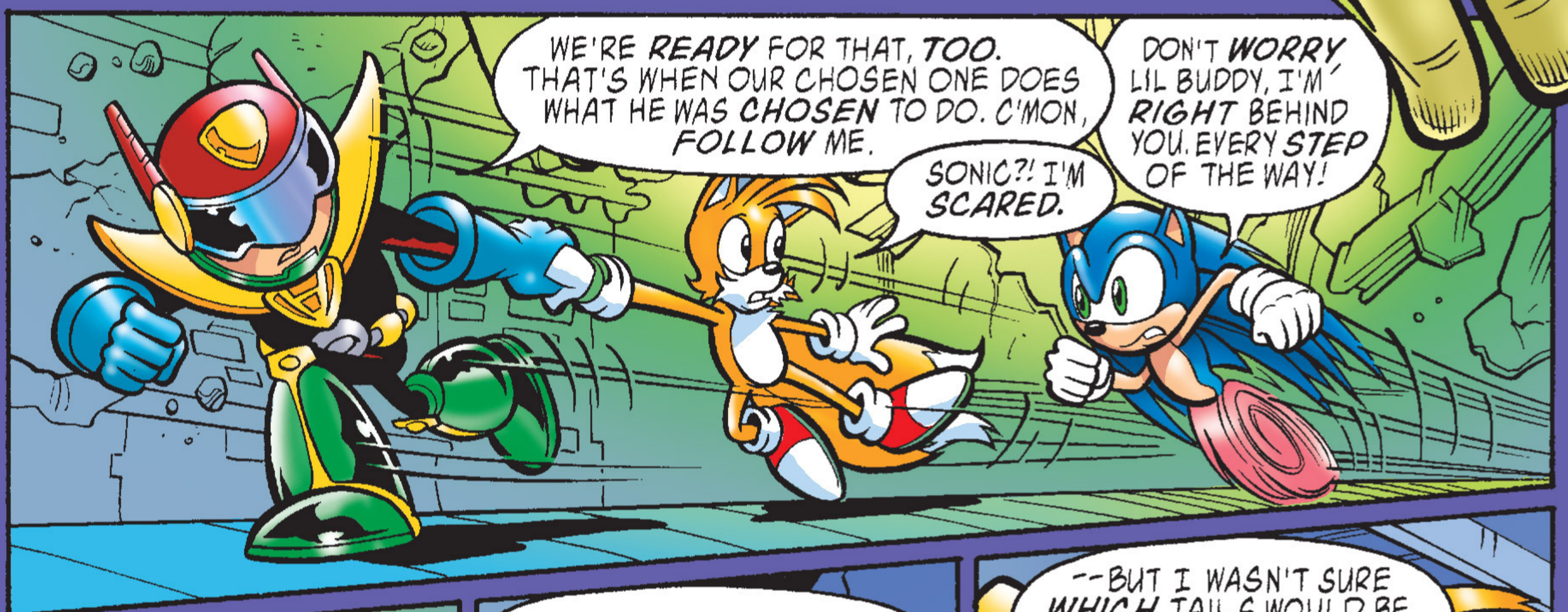
LOOK AT THE **SCREENS!**

IT'S JUST AS I FEARED... MOGUL HAS **SUCCEEDED** IN TAKING OUT THE OTHER ZONES MUCH **FASTER** THAN I THOUGHT POSSIBLE.





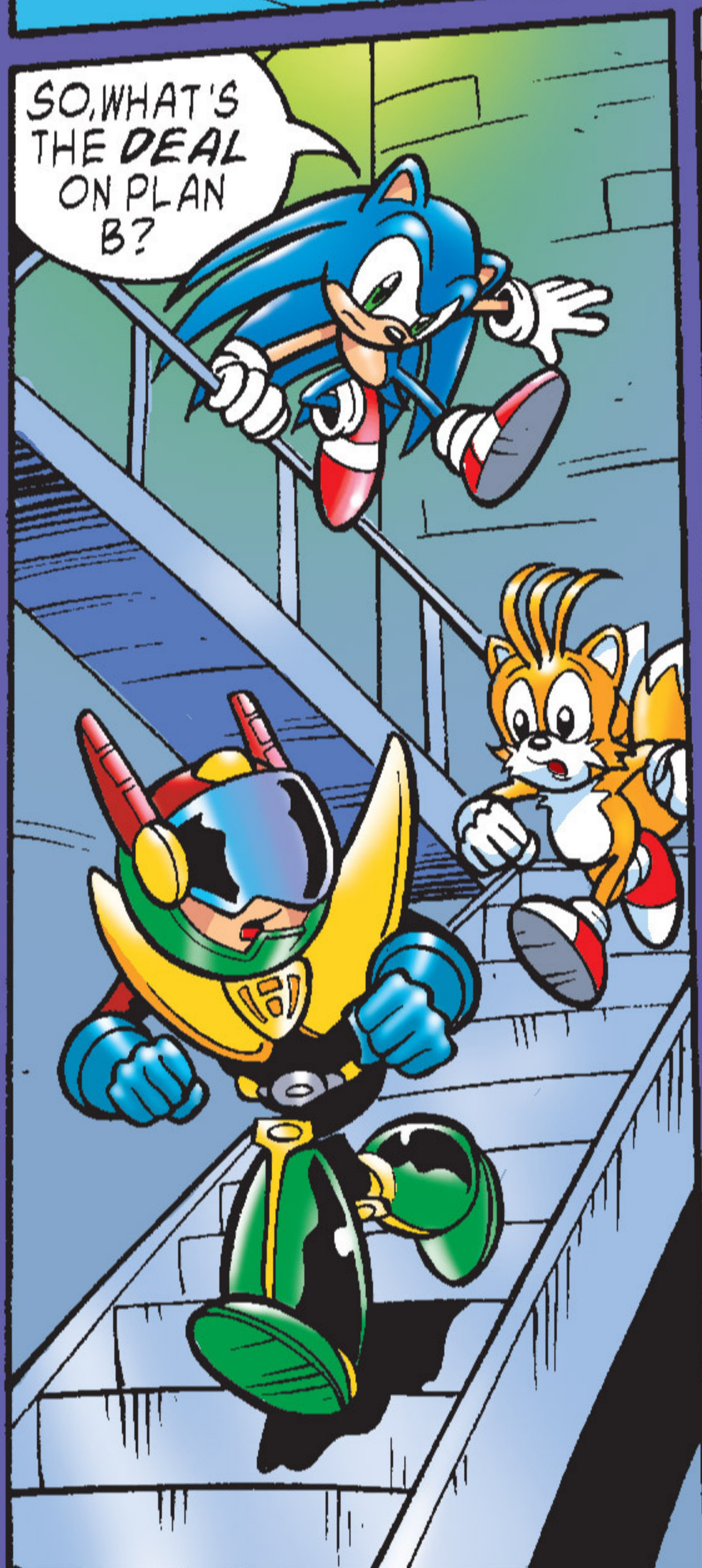
"--ISN'T ENOUGH?!"



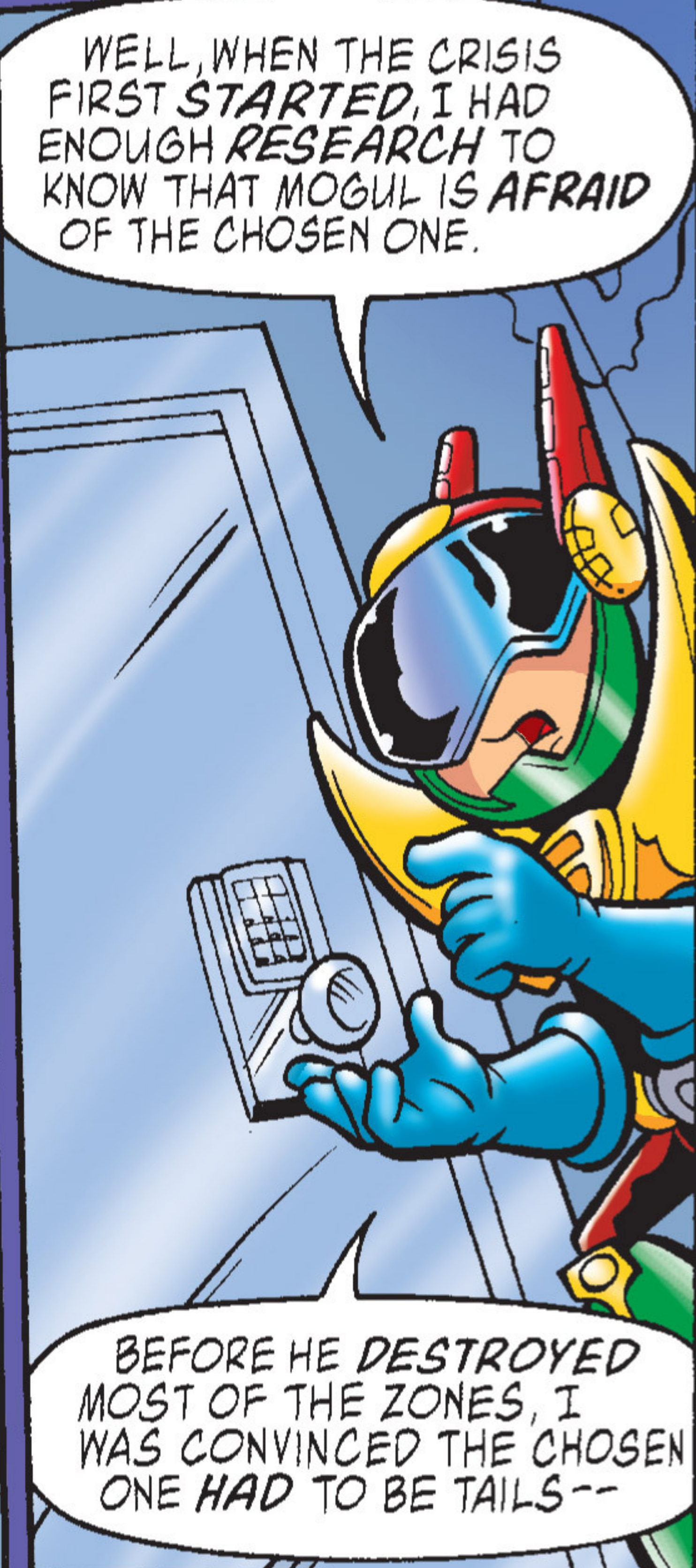
WE'RE *READY* FOR THAT, TOO. THAT'S WHEN OUR CHOSEN ONE DOES WHAT HE WAS CHOSEN TO DO. C'MON, FOLLOW ME.

SONIC?! I'M SCARED.

DON'T WORRY, LIL BUDDY, I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU. EVERY STEP OF THE WAY!

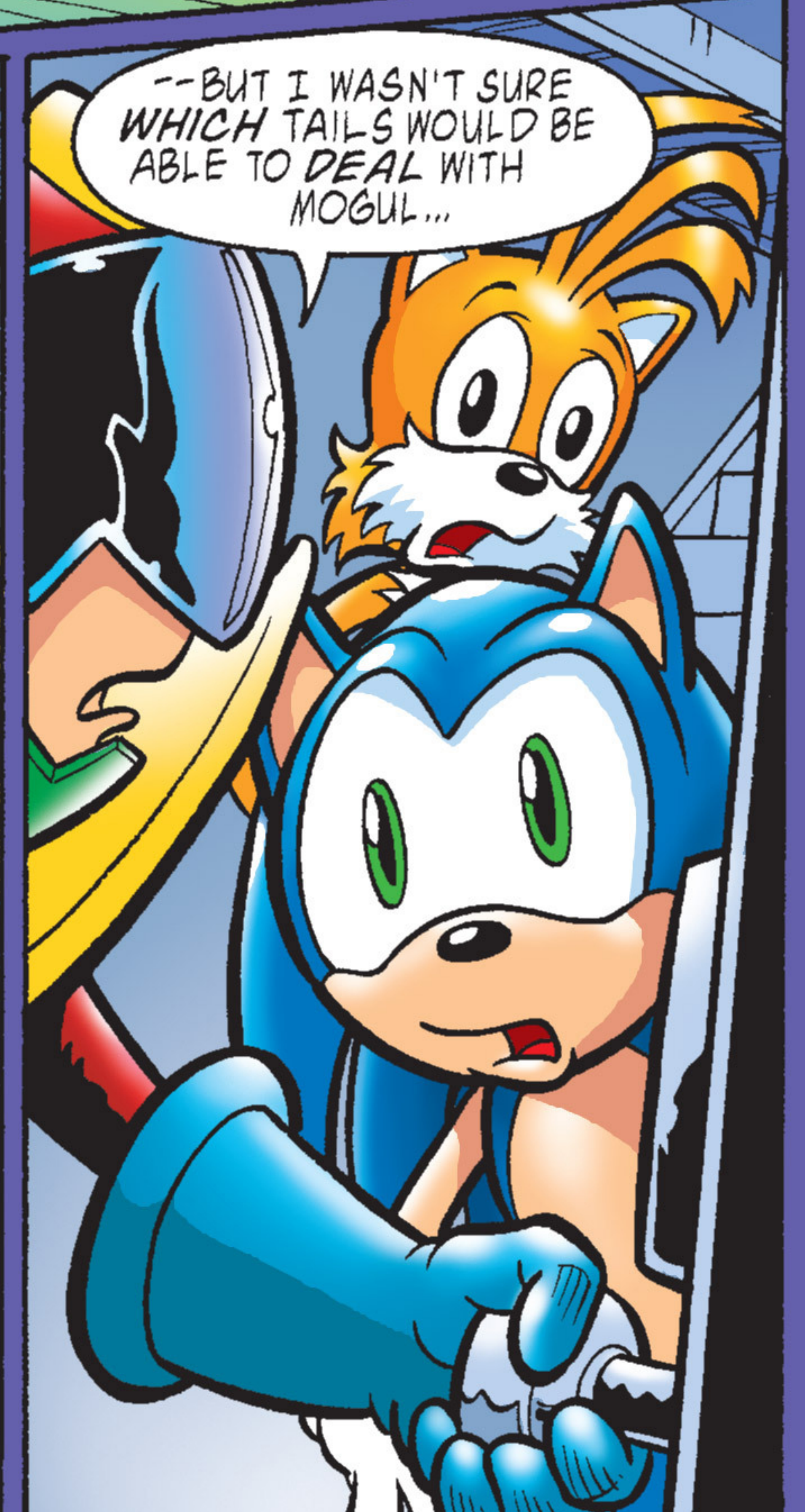


SO, WHAT'S THE *DEAL* ON PLAN B?



WELL, WHEN THE CRISIS FIRST *STARTED*, I HAD ENOUGH *RESEARCH* TO KNOW THAT MOGUL IS *AFRAID* OF THE CHOSEN ONE.

BEFORE HE *DESTROYED* MOST OF THE ZONES, I WAS CONVINCED THE CHOSEN ONE *HAD* TO BE TAILS--



--BUT I WASN'T SURE WHICH TAILS WOULD BE ABLE TO *DEAL* WITH MOGUL...

